

of land," passed on the twenty-second of December, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, be and it is hereby repealed.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the sixteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LIV.

An ACT granting to John Rankin a tract of donation land.

SECT. I. BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That upon application to him made for that purpose, the secretary of the land-office is hereby authorized and required to issue a warrant and patent to John Rankin, of Mercer county, for a tract of land on which he now resides, containing two hundred acres, situate in the fourth donation district, and number seven hundred and six in the general plot of said district, for which said Rankin is to pay one dollar per acre, with interest from the passing of this act; and the land officers shall forthwith take said number out of the wheel.

Tract of donation land granted to John Rankin at a certain price.

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P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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CHAPTER LV.

An ACT to incorporate "The Society of Artists of the United States," by the name of the Columbian Society of Artists.

WHEREAS a number of artists and other persons desirous of encouraging and promoting the exercise of our own genius and industry, in the production of works of art, and of establishing schools for the instruction of those disposed to cultivate them, as also of creating a fund for the aid of decayed artists, and of the widows and orphans of deceased artists; for these and other laudable purposes, and for the better and more permanent accomplishment of their objects, have petitioned to be made a body corporate: Therefore,

SECT. I. *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That* Thomas Jefferson, Paul Hamilton, Gideon Granger, Joel Barlow, Robert Fulton, Benjamin H. Latrobe, Benjamin Trott, George Murray, Robert Mills, John Vallance, William Hamilton, Samuel F. Bradford, John Conrad, William P. Dewees, James Peale, Benjamin Tanner, Samuel Seymour, Samuel Lewis, William Kneass, Jacob Eicholtz, Maurice Furst, Edward Miles, John James Barralet, George Magrath, Alexander Rider, Henry S. Tanner, David Kennedy, James Gibson, N. Le Favre, Arnold Vignier, Thomas Birch, Charles O'Harra, John Draper, Henry Connelly, John Boyd, Archibald Binny, John Meer, Isaac Forsyth, Dennis A. Volozan, William Woollet, William R. Jones, John A. Woodside, John Crawly, John Binncy, Alexander Lawson, Benjamin Smith Barton, James M'Alpin, Robert Fielding, Abraham I. Nunes, William Strickland, Christian Gobrecht, George Hyde, George Bridport, William Carr, Burgess Allison, Adam Traquair, Zaccheus Collins, John Vaughan, Cornelius Tiebout, James Palmer, William Harrison, Samuel Harrison, Doctor N. S. Allison, Joseph H. Seymour, Joseph Sansom, George E. Blake, David Edwin, John Connelly, William Charles, George Holmes, John Dorsey, John Reiche, S. Chaudron, William Rogers, William Hood, James Worrell, William Thackara, Joseph H. Hopkins, Cephas Thompson, John Kinnan, Francis Kearney, William Hooker, Richard Lorton, Thomas Gilpin, Charles Marquedant, Thomas L. Plowman, Edward Gray, William S. Leney, Alexander Anderson, Anthony Faunen, Robert Wellford, Abel Brewster, Feilding Lucus, Samuel B. Wiley, Thomas Waterman, David H. Mason, William Mason, I. L. Krimmell, James Cox, George Old, John L. Robbins, James Earle, John Lowe, Thomas Amies, Cornelius Stevenson, Joseph Worrell, John W. Jarvis, Joshua Gilpin, Ebenezer Hillyard, Robert Carey Long, Francis Guy, Mathew Carey, Maximilian Godfroy, Thomas Bishop, Caleb Lownes, William Potts, Alphonso C. Ireland, Edward Davis, Thomas Mitchell, Alexander Wilson, David Meredith, Samuel Alexander, Edward Hudson, Joseph Andrie, John Franzonia, George Hatfield, Reubens Peale, John I. Holland, Hugh Reinagle, John Dixey, and all and every one of the persons who shall at the time of the passing of this act, be members of the said association, called "The Society of Artists of the United States," shall be and they hereby are created and declared to be one body politic and corporate, by the name, style, and title of "The Columbian Society of Artists" and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all courts of record or elsewhere, and to purchase,

Names of the
society of ar-
tists.

Style of the cor-
poration.

Incorporated.

Powers and fran-
chises.

receive, have, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, of what nature, kind or quality soever, real, personal or mixed, or choses in action, and the same from time to time to sell, grant, devise, alien or dispose of, and also to make and have a common seal, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure, and also to ordain, establish, and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, as shall appear necessary and convenient for the government of the said corporation, not being contrary to the laws or constitution of the United States, or of this commonwealth; and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which to them it shall lawfully appertain to do, for the well being of the said corporation, and the due management and ordering of the affairs thereof: *provided*, that the clear yearly income of the real estate by them held, shall not exceed at any time, two thousand dollars.

Yearly income limited.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said society shall consist of artists of the following professions, viz. painters, sculptors, architects, and engravers, and of amateur members, the terms on which membership shall be acquired and lost, to be determined by the by-laws of the society.

What description of persons shall compose the society.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the artists shall be divided into two classes, the members of the first class shall be called Fellows or Academicians, and shall be appointed in such manner as the society shall by their by-laws direct; the remaining artists shall constitute the second class, and shall be called Associates. The society may confer the title of "Honorary" member on any foreign artist, or other person of distinguished merit, in this or any other country.

Divided into classes.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the stated meetings of the society shall be on the first Wednesday of each month, and the stated meetings in May, August, November, and February, shall be called quarterly meetings, and the stated meeting in January shall be called the annual meeting: the society shall also have power to meet on its own adjournment, or at the call of any officer or other person or persons duly authorized by by-law to call a meeting. A quorum of the society shall consist of thirteen members.

Stated meetings of the society.

Quorum

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That for the government of the society, there shall be one president, four vice presidents, one treasurer, and one or more secretaries, who shall all be chosen by the society at large, by ballot at the stated annual meeting in the month of January, of every year, or in default thereof, at an ensuing stated or adjourned meeting, and the election shall be conducted in such manner as may be directed and provided by the

What officers to be chosen, how and when.

Carl Engkofer,
Attorney at Law.

From what description of members the officers are to be selected.

Vacancies how supplied.

by-laws of the society, The president and treasurer shall be chosen from the society at large, the vice presidents and one secretary from the class of fellows or academicians, one of the said vice presidents being considered a professor of paintings, one of sculpture, one of architecture, and one of engraving: vacancies in any of these offices, occasioned by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied in such time and manner as the society may by by-law direct; those persons who are officers of the society at the time of passing this act, shall severally continue to hold their respective offices, and exercise the duties thereof, until the first stated meeting in January next.

Schools to be placed under the direction of the fellows or academicians.

Report to be made.

Who to regulate public exhibitions.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the schools for instruction in the arts which either are or may be instituted by the society, shall be placed under the direction of the fellows or academicians, who shall present a written report of their progress to the society, at its quarterly meetings, and at other meetings, as often as they shall think necessary: the fellows or academicians, also shall have the regulation of such public exhibitions of the works of art, as the society may from time to time appoint.

Fund may be created to relieve decayed artists, &c.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the society shall have power to create a permanent fund for the purpose of granting relief to decayed artists, who are members of its own body, and to the widows and orphans of artists who died members of the society, which fund shall consist of all monies or other property of whatever kind or quality, which may from time to time come into their hands by gift, donation, bequest or otherwise, for this express purpose, together with such sums of money or such other property of any kind as the society may from time to time order to be invested in said fund: the capital of this fund shall be inalienably appropriated to the aforesaid benevolent purpose, and its annual income or such portion thereof as the society shall appoint, shall be distributed among the decayed artists who are members of the society, and the widows and orphans of artists who have died members of it, in such portions and in such manner as the society shall by by-law direct; *provided,* that if any part of the said annual income shall not be so used, it shall go to increase the capital of the fund and to no other purpose. But the society shall at all times have full right to grant donations to any benevolent or useful purpose, out of any monies or other property of theirs not invested in the permanent fund.

Appropriation of the capital and the annual income thereof.

Proviso for increasing the capital.

May grant donations.

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