

proved or acknowledged, and recorded in the proper county, that in such case the commonwealth shall cease to have any further claim to said tract, and the title to the same shall be confirmed to such warrantee and settler, or their legal representatives accordingly; *provided always*, that it is not intended by the provisions of this section, to recognize any agreement or compromise, where a less quantity than one hundred and fifty acres clear of expense has been agreed upon, to be granted to the settler, excepting in case where the warrantee furnished the settler with money, provisions or other articles, to enable said settler to improve, and settle such tract of land, in which cases the title shall be confirmed to the parties, where not less than fifty acres has been agreed upon to be given to the settler clear of expense, together with the articles so furnished.

Proviso.... Agreement not to be recognized unless 150 acres has been allowed to actual settler.

Exceptions.

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXVIII.

An ACT establishing an academy in the town of Athens, in Bradford county, and granting a sum of money thereto.

SECT. 1. *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 there shall be, and hereby is established in the village of Athens, in Bradford county, an academy or public school, for the education of youth in the English and other languages, in the useful arts, sciences and literature, by the name of the Athens academy, under the care, direction and government of nine trustees, to wit, Clement Paine, George Welles, John Franklin, Julius Tozer, Stephen Hopkins, David Paine, John Saltmarsh, John Shepard, and Abner Murray, which said trustees and their successors to be elected as hereinafter directed, shall be and are hereby declared to be one body corporate and politic, by the name and style of "The Trustees of the Athens Academy," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of record and elsewhere, and shall be competent and capable in law and equity to take and to hold, to them and their successors, for the use of the said academy, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, of what kind, nature or quality whatsoever, real, personal or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, con-

Academy established.

And trustees named.

Style of corporation.

veyance, assurance, will, devise or bequest, from any person or persons whomsoever capable of making the same, and the same from time to time to grant, bargain, sell, demise, alien, dispose of, for the use of said academy ; and to erect such buildings as may be necessary ; and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which shall be lawful for them to do for the well being of said academy, and the due management and ordering the affairs thereof.

Powers and privileges.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees shall hold their first meeting in the academy, in the village of Athens, on the first Monday in June next, after the passing this act, any six of whom shall constitute a quorum, to transact any of the business of the said academy, particularly in making and enacting ordinances and by-laws for the government thereof, of electing trustees in the room of those who may be removed by death, resignation or otherwise, of electing and appointing masters and tutors for said academy, of agreeing with them for their salaries, and at their pleasure removing the same, of appointing a secretary, managers, and other necessary officers, for taking care of the funds and managing the concerns of the corporation, and determining all matters and things necessary to be determined and transacted by the said trustees ; *provided always* that no ordinance or by-law shall have any force, which shall be contrary to the constitution or laws of this commonwealth, or of the United States.

Time of first meeting.

Six to constitute a quorum, for making by-laws, &c.

Electing trustees, teachers, &c.

Fixing salaries and appointing officers.

Proviso.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all by-laws, ordinances, and proceedings of the corporation, shall be fairly and regularly entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and no misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise, or bequest, to the same ; *provided,* the intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear on the face of the gift, grant, will, or other writing, whereby any estate or other interest was intended to pass to the said corporation ; nor shall any nonuser of the rights, liberties, privileges, jurisdiction and authority, hereby granted to the said corporation, create or in anywise cause a forfeiture thereof.

By-laws and proceedings to be recorded.

Misnomer not to defeat any devise, &c.

Proviso.

Nonusers not to work a forfeiture of privileges.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby granted to the trustees of Athens academy, which shall be by them invested in some safe and productive stock, the interest of which they shall apply to the purposes of the institution, and that the same be paid on a warrant drawn by the governor on the state treasurer, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury ; *provided,* that the trustees shall exhibit to the governor, evidences that the owners of that part of the building now erected in the village of Athens, intended for an academy, have released all their interest in it for the use and benefit of the institution forever ; and there shall be admitted into said academy,

2000 dollars granted to the institution.

Proviso : that all claims to the building be released for the use of the academy.

Four poor children to be taught gratis.

in consequence of the aforementioned grant, any number of poor children that may at any time be offered, in order to be taught gratis; *provided*, the number so admitted and taught, shall at no time be greater than four, and that none of the said children so admitted shall continue in said academy to be taught gratis, should others apply, longer than two years.

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXIX:

An ACT granting a tract of donation land, to Thomas Little, a soldier in the revolutionary war.

Donation tract granted to Thomas Little.

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 the officers of the land office are hereby authorized and required to draw and patent in the usual manner, a tract of donation land, unto Thomas Little of Franklin township, Fayette county, containing two hundred acres.*

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

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

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SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXX.

An ACT laying a tax on dogs, in the counties of Washington and Fayette, and for other purposes.

Commissioners to cause the number of dogs to be ascertained above a certain age.

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 it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the counties of Washington and Fayette, and they are hereby required to cause an accurate return to be taken annually, by the assessors of the several townships within the said counties, of all dogs upwards of three months old, owned or possessed by any person or per-*