

CHAPTER XXXI.

An ACT incorporating the Presbyterian congregation of the Three Ridges, in the county of Washington.

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 trustees of the Presbyterian congregation of the Three Ridges, in the county of Washington, shall be, and they are hereby erected into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The trustees of the Presbyterian congregation of the Three Ridges, in the county of Washington," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued in all courts of law and elsewhere, and shall be able and capable in law and equity, to take and to hold, to them and their successors, for the use of said congregation, lands and tenements, goods and chattles of whatsoever kind, nature or quality, real, personal or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise or bequest from any person or persons whomsoever, capable of making the same, and the same to grant, bargain, sell or dispose of for the use of said congregation, and to erect such buildings as may be directed by the majority of the members of said congregation; and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which shall be lawful for them to do for the well-being and due management of the affairs thereof: Provided, That the yearly value or income of said estates or money, shall not at any time exceed two thousand dollars.*

Style of corporation.
Power and privileges.
Proviso.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person shall be considered a member of said congregation, so as to be entitled to vote at any election for trustees, excepting such as shall have been enrolled as worshipers at least one year previous thereto, shall have paid one year's pew rent, amounting at least to one dollar, and shall not be in arrears for such rent for more than one year: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the pastor or minister, for the time being, from being eligible to elect or be elected a trustee, or from being as eligible to fill any other office as other members of said congregation.*

Qualification of electors.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the trustees of said congregation shall be nine in number, and until others shall be appointed, shall consist of the following named persons, viz. David Frazier, John Bleyney, Barnet Boner, John M'Koy, Samuel Dickey, James Armstrong, Samuel M'Murray, George Sutherland, jun. and Wm. M'Donald, jun. the three first named to continue in office until the first Tuesday in January, eighteen hundred and sixteen, the three next named to continue in office until the first Tuesday in January, eighteen hundred and seventeen, and the three last named to continue until the first Tuesday in January, eighteen hundred and eighteen; on the several days aforesaid, and on the same days yearly thereafter, the members of the congregation shall, at a general meeting thereof, elect by ballot, three persons to serve as trustees, to continue in office three years; if any vacancy, by death or otherwise, shall happen in the office of trustees, the remaining trustees may elect others to supply such vacancy until the*

Trustees named.
How long to continue in office.
How vacancies to be filled.

next general meeting of said congregation, at which meeting the congregation shall elect another trustee or trustees, to fill the vacancy or vacancies of the person or persons, through whom the vacancy happened.

Make by-laws, &c.

Proviso.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees and their successors, shall have full power to enact and enforce such by-laws and ordinances as they shall think proper, for the regulation and transaction of the business of the said congregation, to change the annual meetings for the election of trustees, from time to time, as the same may be found convenient, or if the congregation neglect to elect on the day of the annual meeting, appoint any subsequent time on which said election shall be held: *Provided,* That notice thereof be given from the pulpit, or in such other manner as a majority of the trustees may direct, at least two weeks before said election: *And provided also,* That said by-laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the constitution or laws of this state, or of the United States.

JACOB HOLGATE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XXXII.

An ACT, dissolving the marriage of Francis D. Cummins and Eliza his wife.

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 marriage contract entered into by Francis D. Cummins and Eliza L. Cummins, be, and the same is hereby declared to be null and void, and the parties respectively set free and discharged therefrom, and all the right and duties arising under the same, as fully and absolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained, shall be construed to render illegitimate any child born of the body of the said Eliza during her coverture.

JACOB HOLGATE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

SIMON SNYDER.