

CHAPTER CXXIII.

AN ACT

Incorporating the subscribers to the Pennsylvania Botanic Garden.

WHEREAS a number of persons have associated themselves together for the purpose of establishing a botanic garden in the city of Philadelphia, or its vicinity, and are about to procure a lot of ground suitable for the cultivation of plants. And whereas it is necessary, in order to carry this object into effect, that they should be possessed of the powers and immunities of a corporation or body politic in law. And as it is the interest as well as duty of free governments to encourage the promotion of science :

Therefore,

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 the subscribers to the institution, called "The Pennsylvania Botanic Garden," and all such persons as are now or may hereafter be admitted members of the same, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of "The Pennsylvania Botanic Garden," to have perpetual succession, and to be capable to take, hold and enjoy lands, tenements and hereditaments, to use a common seal, and break, alter and renew the same at pleasure: *Provided,* That the clear yearly value of the real estate by them held, shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

Style of the company.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the officers of the said corporation shall consist of thirteen directors, to be chosen annually by ballot, from among the subscribers, on the first Monday in March; and the said directors shall elect one of their number to be president: seven of the directors shall constitute a quorum, and shall have power to fill all vacancies that may happen in the board till the next general election, to appoint a treasurer, secretary, curators and such other officers as they may think necessary. If an election shall not be held at the time appointed, the corporation shall not, for that cause, be dissolved, but an election shall be held as soon after as may be, and until such election the present officers, viz. Jonas Preston, president, Robert Ralston, Simon Gratz, Joseph Cloud, Benjamin Tucker, Robert Vaux, Reuben Hains, Isaac C. Jones, Joshua Longstreth, Edward Clark, Adam Echfeldt and Lewis Clapier, directors, shall continue to hold and execute their respective offices.

Directors, when to be chosen.

Names of the present directors.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the powers and duties of the officers herein men-

All business of the company to be regulated by their by-laws Proviso.

tioned, and of all others who may hereafter be appointed, the times of meeting of the said corporation, the admission of new members, and all other concerns of the said corporation shall be regulated by the by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation, hereafter to be made: *Provided* such by-laws be not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXIV.

AN ACT

To authorise the Governor to incorporate the Wind Gap, Nazareth and Hellerstown turnpike company.

Commissioners names.

Duty of.

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 William Henry, senior, Christian D. Senseman, John Haman, Henry Jarret, George Butz, George Hess, Christian Roth, Jacob Geisinger and Jonas Rothrock, of Northampton county, and Abraham Fertz and Joseph Fry, senior, of Lehigh county, and Wilham Green, of Bucks county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several things hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, They shall, on or before the first day of May next, procure two or more books, and in each of them enter as follows: "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president and managers of the Wind Gap, Nazareth and Hellerstown turnpike company, the sum of fifty dollars for every share of stock in said company set opposite to our names, in such manner and at such times as may be directed by the board of managers of said company, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, entitled 'An act to authorise the Governor to incorporate the Wind Gap, Nazareth and Hellerstown turnpike company.' Witness our hands the                    day of                    in the year of our Lord, one