

CHAPTER CXXXV.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS it is represented to the Legislature, that a number of persons have formed a society in Philadelphia for the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences, by the name of "The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia," as a society devoted entirely to the advancement of useful learning; and in order that the purposes thereof may be carried into better effect:

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 all such persons as now are members of said society, according to its rules heretofore adopted, or that hereafter may become members of the same agreeably to its rules and regulations, be, and they are hereby incorporated into a society, by the name of "The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, with power to have a common seal and change the same at pleasure, to make contracts relative to the said institution, to sue and be sued, and by that name and style be capable, in law, of purchasing, taking, holding and conveying any estate, real or personal, for the use of said corporation: Provided, That the annual income of such estate shall not exceed in value eight thousand dollars, nor be applied to any other purposes than those for which this corporation is formed.*

Style of the company.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the society may establish by-laws and orders for its government and regulation, and for the preservation and application of the funds thereof: Provided the same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States or of this Commonwealth.*

Of by-laws.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the society shall consist of members and correspondents, and candidates for admission shall be elected under such rules, and upon such terms as the society shall establish, aliens shall enjoy the full rights of members or correspondents in the society, but members only shall have the right of voting, of holding offices and of transacting business, and correspondents shall have the privilege of attending the meetings and visiting the museum.*

Members, &c to be elected.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the officers of the society shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a corresponding secretary, a recording secre-*

Of officers.

tary, a treasurer, a librarian and four curators, whose respective duties may be assigned by the by-laws of the said society, and they shall be elected at the last stated meeting of the society in December in each year; and if any office should become vacant, it may be supplied by a special election until the annual election then ensuing, and until the next annual election for officers in the month of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the present officers are hereby vested with power to perform the duties prescribed by the existing rules of the society, unless there be intermediate vacancies, and then the officer or officers to be elected shall have the full power of his or their predecessors.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the annual election for officers shall not be held at the stated day, the said corporation shall not be thereby dissolved, but the officers shall continue in office until a new election. If the annual election is not held, &c.

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 CXXXVI.

AN ACT

To enable the administrators of Joseph Sturgeon to convey a certain tract of land.

WHEREAS it is represented to the Legislature, that Joseph Sturgeon, late of the township of West Hanover, in the county of Dauphin, deceased, did in his lifetime, by parole agreement, sell to a certain Joseph Wilson a tract of land, situate in the township and county aforesaid, bounded by lands of Christian Hershie, Joseph Wilson and other lands of the said Joseph Sturgeon, deceased, containing twenty-eight acres strict measurement: and that before a deed of conveyance was executed to the said Joseph Wilson, the said Joseph Sturgeon died intestate, without making any provisions for completing the contract: that the heirs of the said deceased are in their minority, and the purchaser as aforesaid refuses