

CHAPTER LXXXV.

AN ACT

Authorising the trustees of the incorporated Presbyterian Congregation of Middle Octorara in the county of Lancaster, to sell certain real estate.

WHEREAS on the twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty, John Penn, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn did sell and convey to certain trustees therein named, a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred acres and eighty perches and allowance, for the purpose of erecting thereon a house of worship, school house and burying place for the use of the Presbyterian congregation of Octorara in Lancaster county; and the present trustees have represented to the legislature that a small part of the said tract of land will be sufficient for all the uses mentioned in the said deed, and that the remainder might be sold much to the benefit of the said congregation, and have requested to be authorised to sell part thereof.

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 James Steele, James Baxter, William Herd, William Brown, Thomas Morgan, John Patterson, Alexander Morrison and Robert Anderson the present trustees of the incorporated Presbyterian Congregation of Middle Octorara in Lancaster county, and the survivors or survivor of them, be, and they are hereby authorised to sell and convey in such manner as to them may seem most adviseable and beneficial, after setting apart ten acres in the most advantageous situation for a house of worship, school house, and burying place for the use of the said congregation, all the residue of a certain tract of land which John Penn, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn then proprietors of Pennsylvania on the twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty, patented to Henry Work, Alexander Craighead, Robert Mathews and Hugh Barkley in trust for said congregation, containing one hundred acres and eighty perches and allowance, and to vest or appropriate the proceeds of such*

sale in such manner as may be most beneficial for, and approved by the said congregation.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the tenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LXXXVI.

AN ACT

To incorporate the trustees of the Newtown Common in the county of Bucks.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the township of Newtown in the county of Bucks, in and by a certain instrument of writing bearing date the first day of April seventeen hundred and ninety-six, and recorded in the office for recording of deeds in and for the said county, in deed book number twenty-eight, page six hundred, did nominate and appoint six freeholders of the said township trustees to procure a patent for a certain strip or piece of vacant land situate in the town of Newtown in the said township, containing forty acres and ninety-seven perches, and known by the name of the Newtown Common; and by the same instrument of writing did authorise and enjoin the said trustees to sell and dispose of the same and appropriate the proceeds thereof to certain uses and purposes therein expressed, and also from time to time to supply vacancies in their board by the election of other trustees to fill such vacancies. And whereas the said trustees obtained the patent, paid the purchase money, and sold and leased on ground rent the greater part of the said forty acres and ninety-seven perches, and caused the titles or leases for the same to be made and put on record. And whereas many of the alienees and lessees never possessed themselves of the lots so conveyed or leased, or having possessed themselves thereof abandoned their possessions without having made any improvements or paid any of the rents. And whereas all the patentees except one are since dead, and he having resigned his trust, and the present trustees not be-