

CHAPTER CXI.

AN ACT

To incorporate the M'Connellsburg English School, in the county of Bedford.

WHEREAS it appears by a deed of conveyance made to the supporters of an English school, of a lot of ground in the town of M'Connellsburg, by Daniel M'Connell, late of said place, that it was the wish and desire of the grantor, that the lot aforesaid should be vested in trustees, and as the establishment of schools, when properly conducted, is of the highest importance to the interest of society.

Therefore,

Lot vested. English school established. Style and title

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 a lot of ground No. sixty, in the plan of the town of M'Connellsburg, in Bedford county, is hereby vested in trustees (hereafter to be named) and their successors forever; and that there shall be established, and hereby is established in the borough of M'Connellsburg, in the county of Bedford, a public English school, for the education of youth in useful arts, sciences and literature, by the name, style and title of "The M'Connellsburg English School."

Trustees named and incorporated. Name and title. Powers and privileges.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the first trustees of the M'Connellsburg English school, shall be George W. Darrah, George Denig, Thomas Logan, Andrew Work, John Fletcher, James Agnew and Andrew Lindsay; which said trustees, and their successors to be elected, as hereinafter mentioned, shall be and they are hereby declared to be one body corporate and politic, by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of the M'Connellsburg English School." And by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of record and elsewhere, and shall be competent and capable in law and in equity, to take and hold to them and their successors, for the use of the said school, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, of what kind, nature or quality soever, real, personal or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, devise or bequest of any person or persons whomsoever, capable of making the same; and the same from time to time, to grant, bargain, sell, demise, alien or dispose of for the use of said school; 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 the said school, and the due management and ordering of the affairs thereof.

Common seal

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees and their successors, shall have

full power and authority to use one common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees shall hold their first meeting at the house of Andrew Lindsay, in the borough of M'Connellsburg, on the second Monday of April next, after the passing of this act, any four of whom shall constitute a quorum, to transact any business of the said school, particularly of making and enacting ordinances and by-laws for the government of the said school; 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 school; of agreeing with them for their salaries, and of removing them; of appointing a secretary, managers, and other officers necessary for taking care of the funds and managing the concerns of the corporation, and determining and transacting all matters and things necessary to be determined and transacted by 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 state or of the United States.

Place and time of meeting.

Quorum.

Powers and duties of the trustees.

Proviso.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all the by-laws, ordinances and proceedings of the said 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 said corporation: *Provided,* The intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear on the face of the gift, grant, will or other writing, whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to the said corporation; nor shall any misuser or non-user of the rights, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions and authorities hereby granted to the said corporation, create, or in any wise cause a forfeiture thereof.

By-laws, &c. to be entered in a book.

Proviso.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no sale or alienation of the real estate of the said corporation, which hereafter may be made by the said trustees or their successors, bona fide, for a valuable consideration, in case the possession thereof, pass immediately to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and continue in him, her or them; his, her or their heirs or assigns, shall be invalidated for want of proving, that four of the trustees of said corporation consented to such sale or alienation, unless the same be controverted within the space of seven years, from and after the sale and delivery of such real estate, to the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

Certain proof of sale dispensed with after seven years.

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

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.