

the resignation of one or more of the commissioners, or by any other cause, the remaining commissioner or commissioners may fill the vacancy or vacancies by a suitable appointment.

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the said commissioners to take from each and every person or persons owning lands along the road by them laid out, acquittances or releases from any blame or damages, in all cases where it is practicable, upon the condition that such road shall pass through such person or persons land or lands, and to file the same in the commissioners' office in the proper county.

JOHN LAPORTE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. G. HAWKINS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventh day of April, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and thirty-two.

GEO WOLF.

No. 142.

AN ACT

For the erection of the Gettysburg Gymnasium into a College, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the literary and scientific institution in Gettysburg, Adams county, in this commonwealth, known by the name of Gettysburg Gymnasium, is resorted to by a large number of young men from different portions of this state, and elsewhere, and promises to exert a salutary influence in advancing the cause of liberal education, particularly among the German portion of our fellow citizens: 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 Gettysburg Gymnasium be, and hereby is erected into a College, for the education of youth in the learned languages, the arts, sciences and useful literature.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the style and title of said college shall be "Pennsylvania College of Gettysburg," and that it shall be under

Names of contributors incorporated.

the management, direction and government of all the subscribers to the funds of said institution, by whose private contributions the said funds have been raised, and its present edifice purchased, to wit: John B. M^rpherson, Thomas C. Miller, Thomas J. Cooper, Samuel Fabnestock, Samuel S. Schmucker, Ernest L. Hazelius, David F. Schaeffer, John G. Morris, Benjamin Kurtz, William Heim, Charles P. Krauth, Frederick D. Schaeffer, J. George Schmucker, J. F. Heyer, Jacob Martin, Abraham Reck, William Ernst, Jacob Medtard, Lewis Eichelberger, Michael Meyerbeffer, Jonathan Ruthrauf, Jacob Crigler, John M^rFarland, Robert Goodloe Harper, John Herbst, and their successors, to be elected as hereinafter mentioned.

Incorporation.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said subscribers and their successors, to be elected as hereinafter mentioned, shall forever hereafter be, and they are hereby erected, established and declared to be one body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession in deed and law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, by the name, style and title of "The patrons of Pennsylvania College in Gettysburg, in the county of Adams."

Title.

General powers vested in the patrons of the college.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the aforesaid "Patrons of Pennsylvania College," and their successors, shall have power from time to time to elect from their own number or elsewhere, a board of trustees, twenty-one in number, (*Provided always,* That at least three-fourths of them be selected from among the patrons) shall determine the time of their continuance in office, and be in law responsible for all their acts; whenever the place of one or more of the aforesaid Patrons becomes vacated by death, resignation or otherwise, the remaining patrons shall, at any regular meeting called as hereinafter specified, elect a successor or successors; and at elections either for patrons, or trustees, or teachers, or other officers, and in the reception of pupils, no person shall be rejected on account of his conscientious persuasion in matters of religion, provided he shall demean himself in a sober, orderly manner, and conform to the rules and regulations of the college.

Vacancies how to be supplied.

Sectarianism to be avoided.

Of the general meetings of the patrons.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the stated meeting of the patrons shall be held annually at Gettysburg, at such time as they may appoint: at these meetings, a majority of the patrons shall constitute a quorum, and if a quorum be not present at the appointed time, those present may adjourn from time to time, until a quorum can be assembled: notice of each stated annual meeting shall be given by a person appointed by the patrons, in writing, to be sent by mail or otherwise, to each patron, at least four weeks previously to the time appointed for the meeting.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the board of trustees elected by the patrons as aforesaid, shall, as a committee of the patrons aforesaid, have power to transact all business, and be liable to all the responsibilities of bodies politic, viz: by the name, style and title of "The trustees of Pennsylvania College of Gettysburg, in the county of Adams," they and their successors shall be able and capable at law and in equity, to take to themselves and their successors, for the use of said college, any estate, in any messuages, land, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, monies or other effects, by gift, grant, bargain, sale; conveyance or assurance, will, devise or bequest of any person or persons whatever, provided the same do not exceed in the whole the yearly value of six thousand dollars, and the same messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and estates, real and personal, to grant, bargain, sell, convey, assure, demise, and to farm, let, and place out on interest, or otherwise dispose of or invest for the use of the said college, in such manner as to them, or at least eleven of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, issues, profits, income and interest of the same, and to apply the same to the proper use of the said college, and by the same name to sue, commence, prosecute and defend, implead and be impleaded in any courts of law or equity, and in all manner of suits and actions whatsoever, and generally by and in the same name to do and transact all and every business touching or concerning the premises, or which shall be incidentally necessary thereto, as fully and effectually as any natural person or body politic or corporate have power to manage their own concerns, and to hold, enjoy and exercise all such powers, authorities and jurisdictions, as are customary in other colleges within this commonwealth.

Of the board
of trustees.

Their style.

Their immu-
nities, liabil-
ties, &c.

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees shall cause to be made for their use, one common seal, with such devices and inscriptions thereon, as they shall think proper, and by and with which all deeds, diplomas, certificates and acts of the said trustees, shall pass and be authenticated.

Of the corpo-
ration seal.

SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That there shall be a meeting of the said trustees held at least once in every year, at Gettysburg, at such time as the said trustees or a quorum of them shall appoint, of which notice shall be given after the first meeting in writing, signed by the secretary of the board and sent to the said trustees, by mail or otherwise, at least four weeks before the time of such intended meeting; and if at such meeting, eleven of the said trustees shall not be present, those of them who shall be present, shall have power to adjourn to any other time, as fully as if all the existing trustees were present; but if eleven or more of the said trustees shall meet at the appointed time or

Annual meet-
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trustees.

at any other time of adjournment or extra meeting, then such eleven or more of the trustees shall be a quorum or board, and a majority of them shall be capable of doing and transacting all the business and concerns of said college, not otherwise provided for by this act; and particularly of making and enacting ordinances for the government and discipline of the said college; of electing the principal and the professors of said college; of agreeing with them for their salaries and stipends, and removing them for incapacity, inattention to duty, for breaches of the ordinances of the institution, or other misconduct, which shall be deemed sufficient of appointing committees of their own body to carry into execution the resolutions of the board; of appointing a president, secretary and treasurer, and other officers, whom they may find necessary in managing the concerns of the corporation; extra meetings for the transaction of such business as may incidentally arise and not admit of postponement, shall be called by the highest existing officer of the board, when requested in writing, by six members of the board; and of all such extra meetings, the same notice shall be given in all respects as in the case of regular meetings: *Provided*, That no ordinance at any time passed by the board, shall be of force, if it be contrary to the constitution or laws of the United States or of this state.

Of special or extra meetings.

Proviso. Of the by-laws.

The faculty constituted.

Their powers and duties.

SECT. 9. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the principal and professors of said college, or a majority of them; for the time being, shall constitute the faculty, and have power to enforce the rules and regulations enacted by the trustees for the government and discipline of the students; and finally, to suspend such of them as, according to the regulations of the board, deserve suspension, until the determination of a quorum of the trustees can be had; and to grant and confirm, by the order or consent of a quorum of the trustees; such degrees in the liberal arts and sciences or such branches thereof to such students of the college or others, whom, by their proficiency in learning or other meritorious distinction, they shall regard as entitled to them, as have usually been granted in other colleges, or which a quorum of the said trustees shall think right and proper, and to grant to such graduates diplomas or certificates; under their common seal, to authenticate and perpetuate the memory of such graduation.

No misnomer to annul bequests, &c.

SECT. 10. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That no misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest to or for the said corporation, provided the intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, grant, will, or other writing, whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to or for the said corporation.

SECT. 11. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in addition to the customary professorships in other colleges, there shall be in this institution a German Professorship, the incumbent of which shall, in addition to such other duties as may be assigned him by the Board, instruct such young men as may resort to the institution for the purpose of becoming qualified to be teachers of those primary schools, in which, according to the act passed last session, both German and English are to be taught; that if, at any time, said corporation shall misuse or abuse any of the privileges hereby granted, the legislature may resume all and singular the rights and privileges hereby granted to said corporation.

German Professorship established.

Reservation of right to resume privileges.

SECT. 12. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this act, the Clearfield academy, in the town of Clearfield, and Curwenville academy or school house, in the town of Curwenville, the lot or lots on which the same is erected, and all other lots and lands belonging to the said academies, situate in Clearfield county, shall be exempted from taxation, and shall not hereafter be subject to the assessment of any state, county or other tax, so long as such lots, lands and buildings shall be owned and held by said academies.

Clearfield and Curwenville academy property exempted from taxation so long as so owned.

SECT. 13. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this act contained shall interfere with or prevent the collection of any taxes heretofore laid or assessed on said lots, lands or buildings belonging to the said academies.

This act not to cancel taxes due.

JOHN LAPORTE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. G. HAWKINS,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventh day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 143.

AN ACT

To authorize certain alterations in the charter of the United Hebrew Beneficent Society of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, the United Hebrew Beneficent Society of Philadelphia has been incorporated for the purpose of relieving

Preamble