

## No. 178.

## AN ACT

To incorporate certain Beneficial Societies of Pennsylvania, and the Southwark Union Beneficial Society.

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*

Incorporation  
of the Easton  
Beneficial so-  
ciety.

*same,* That all and every the persons who shall at the time of the passing of this act, be members of the society called "The Easton Beneficial Society of the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton," shall be and they are hereby created and declared to be one body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of "The Easton Beneficial Society of the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton,"

Rights, privi-  
leges, &c.

and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all courts of record or elsewhere, and to purchase, receive, have, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises and hereditaments, goods and chattels, of what nature, kind or quality soever, real, personal or mixed, or choses in action, and the same from time to time to sell, grant, devise, alien or dispose of: *Provided,* That the clear yearly value or income of the houses, lands and tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments and real estate of the said corporation, and the interest of money by it lent, shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars; and also to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at pleasure. and also to ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as shall appear necessary and convenient for the government of the said corporation, not being contrary to this charter or to the constitution and laws of the United States or of this commonwealth, and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which to them it shall lawfully appertain to do for the well being of the said corporation, and the due management and ordering of the affairs thereof.

Proviso.  
Limit to in-  
come.

Of the seal,  
by-laws. &c.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority afore-  
said,* That the following shall be the fundamental articles of the said society:

Articles of  
association.

Article I. The objects of this society shall be the relief of its respective members when sick, or disabled by bodily infirmity to pursue their ordinary avocations.

Objects.

Article II. The officers of this society shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, assistant secretary and messengers, to be elected by ballot annually,

Officers.

and four stewards to be chosen quarterly; the duties of the officers and the time of their elections to be prescribed by the by-laws.

Article III. No person shall become a member of this society who shall not be a citizen of the United States and of this commonwealth, and who shall not be at the time of his admission twenty-one years of age or upwards; and the elections for members shall be by ballot, in the manner to be prescribed by the by-laws.

Qualifications of members.

Article IV. Each person, on being admitted a member of this society, shall pay such entrance money and monthly dues and contributions, as the society may by their by-laws from time to time declare.

Entrance money and contributions.

Article V. Any member may be removed from office or expelled from the society, whose monthly dues or other contributions are due and unpaid for ten months, for a violation of these articles, for breach of trust or improper conduct, rendering him an unfit associate for men of honor and honesty: *Provided*, he is afforded an opportunity of making a defence before the society.

Of the liability of members to expulsion.

Article VI. The benefits of this society shall be distributed in the manner hereafter to be provided in the by-laws, and no person shall be entitled to any benefit from this society until he shall have been one year a member.

Of relief to members

Article VII. The stated meetings of this society shall be held monthly at such time and place as may from time to time be regulated and declared by the society, and five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Of the stated meetings

Article VIII. By-laws must be proposed at least one month previous to their adoption, and a motion to alter or repeal a by-law must lay over at least one month prior to its being acted upon.

By-laws

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That nothing in this act contained shall be deemed to authorize the said society to engage directly or indirectly in any banking, commercial, mining or manufacturing concerns, or to act in any other way than as a beneficial society for the relief of its respective members.

To have no other privileges than as a relief society.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That this act shall continue in force ten years from the passing thereof, and no longer, for the purposes aforesaid; and the legislature reserves the right to alter, amend or annul this charter, at any time hereafter.

Duration of act and reservation of right to repeal.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the persons constituting the North America Beneficial Society of Pennsylvania, shall be known under the name of the "North America Beneficial Society of Pennsylvania," with all the corporate powers, privileges, immunities and restrictions, contained in the preceding provisions of this act.

North America beneficial society incorporated under preceding provisions

**SECT. 6.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the members of the Southwark Union Beneficial Society be and they are hereby incorporated under the name of the "Southwark Union Beneficial Society," with all the powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the restrictions of this act.

Similar incorporation of the Southwark Union Beneficial society.

Of the Newton Beneficial society of Penn'a.

**SECT. 7.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the members of the Newton Beneficial Society of Pennsylvania be and they are hereby incorporated, under the name of the "Newton Beneficial Society of Pennsylvania," with all the powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the restrictions of this act.

Of the Kensington Beneficial society of Penn'a.

**SECT. 8.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the persons constituting the Kensington Beneficial Society of Pennsylvania shall be and they are hereby incorporated, under the name of the "Kensington Beneficial Society of Pennsylvania," with all the powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the restrictions of this act, and that the persons constituting the Franklin Assistance Society of Blockley, in the county of Philadelphia, shall be known, and they are hereby incorporated, under the name of the "Franklin Society of Blockley, in the county of Philadelphia," with all the powers, privileges, immunities and restrictions, contained in the preceding provisions of this act.

Of the Franklin Assistance society of Blockley.

Of the Beneficial society of the borough of Bristol.

**SECT. 9.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the members of the Beneficial Society of the borough of Bristol, Bucks county, be and they are hereby incorporated, under the name of "the Beneficial Society of the borough of Bristol," with all the powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the restrictions contained in the preceding act.

JOHN LAPORTE,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WM. G. HAWKINS,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The fourth day of May, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and thirty-two.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 179.

AN ACT

Relating to Aldermen for the county of Philadelphia.

**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 from and after the first Monday in January