

the owner or owners of said property, or giving adequate security therefor, before such property shall be taken.

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES B. PENROSE,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—This twentieth day of June, A. D. eighteen hundred and thirty-nine.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 142.

A N A C T

To incorporate the Bellefonte Female Seminary, in the Borough of Bellefonte, in the county of Centre.

SECTION 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 there shall be, and is hereby established in the borough of Bellefonte, in the county of Centre, a female seminary, or public school, for the education of female youth, in the English and other languages and in the useful arts, sciences and literature, by the name, style, and title of the Bellefonte female seminary, the said seminary to be under the management, direction and government of a board of trustees not exceeding five in number, three of whom shall be a quorum to transact business. The trustees are the following named persons : Hugh N. M'Allister, James Burnside, Andrew G. Curton, James P. Gregg, and Robert Hays, which said trustees and their successors, to be elected as hereinafter mentioned, shall be, and they are hereby erected, established, and declared to be a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, and with all the incidents of a corporation, in deed and in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of the Bellefonte Female Seminary" by which name, and title the said trustees 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 seminary, any estate in any messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, moneys or other effects, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise or bequest of any person

Incorporated

Name and style

Trustees

Name, style, and title

Privileges and franchises

or persons, whatsoever. *Provided*, The same does not exceed in the whole, the yearly value of three 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 seminary, in such manner as to the said trustees or a quorum of them, shall seem most beneficial to the said institution, and to receive the rents, issues, profits, income and interest, of the same, and to apply the same to the use of said seminary, and by the same name, to sue, 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, the 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.

SECTION 2. 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, certificates, and acts of the said corporation, shall pass, and be authenticated and the same seal at their pleasure may break, and alter, and devise a new one.

SECTION 3. There shall be a meeting of said trustees held once in every year, at least, at Bellefonte, at such time as the said trustees or a quorum of them, shall appoint, of which meeting due and timely notice shall be given, and if less than a quorum attend at such meeting, those present shall have power to adjourn to an other day. Said trustees shall have the power of making and enacting ordinances for the government of the said seminary, of electing trustees in the place and stead of those who shall resign, or die, or remove from the county of Centre, aforesaid, of electing and appointing the teachers for the said seminary, for agreeing with them for their salaries and stipends, and of removing them for misconduct, breaches of the ordinances of the institution, or other cause which shall be deemed sufficient, of appointing committees of their own body, to carry into execution all, and every, the resolutions of the said board, of appointing a president, secretary, treasurer and other officers, whom they may find necessary for managing the corporation, of providing for the punishment of all violations of the rules, regulations or ordinances of the seminary or other misconduct committed by the pupils or other persons thereat, and generally at any annual, adjournment or extra meeting, shall determine all matters and things, although the same are not herein particularly mentioned, which shall occasionally arise, and be in-

Proviso cidentally necessary to be determined by said trustees. *Provided*, That no ordinance or regulation shall be of any force, which is repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth.

Power of teachers

Rules and regulations

SECTION 4. That the teachers of said seminary or a majority of them, shall have the power of enforcing the rules and regulations adopted by the trustees for the government of the pupils, and to grant and confirm by the order and direction of a quorum of the board of trustees, such degrees in the arts, sciences, and other branches thereof, to such pupils of the seminary and others, who by their proficiency in learning or other distinction, they think shall be entitled to them, as have been usually granted in other similar seminaries or which the said trustees or a quorum thereof shall think right and proper, and to grant to such graduates certificates under their common seal.

Who may be elected trustees

SECTION 5. Persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected trustees, nor shall any person, either as principal, teacher, tutor or pupil, be refused admittance into the seminary, or be denied any of the privileges, immunities, or advantages thereof, for, or on account of his or her sentiments, in matters of religion.

Misnomer not to defeat grant, bequest, &c. Proviso

SECTION 6. No misnomer of said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest, to or from said corporation. *Provided*, That 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 from said corporation.

Right to alter, &c.

SECTION 7. The legislature reserves the right to revoke, alter or annul the charter hereby granted at any time they may think proper.

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