

Directors to be elected in October next. at the general election, to be holden on the second Tuesday of October next: but if a majority of votes are found to be against a poor house, the act to which this is a supplement, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. That so much of the act, to which this is a supplement, as is hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

WM. HOPKINS,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

W. T. ROGERS,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and forty.

DAVID R. PORTER.

[No. 4.]

## A N A C T

To incorporate a Female Academy, in McSherrystown, Pennsylvania.

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

Seminary established.

Name and style.

Trustees.

McSherrystown, in the county of Adams, a Female Seminary or public school, for the education of female youths, in the English and other languages, and in the useful arts, sciences and literature, by the name, style and title of "St. John the Baptist's Female Academy of McSherrystown:" The said academy to be under the management, direction and government of a board of trustees, not exceeding seven in number, four of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business: The trustees are the following named persons, viz:—Matthew Lekeu, Samuel Lilly, Edward Reily, Joseph Sneeringer, John Lilly, Henry Reily and Joseph Klunk, which said trustees and their successors, to be elected as hereinafter mentioned, from among the holders of stock in said seminary, 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 Privileges and title of "the trustees of St. John the Baptist's Female academy franchises. of McSherrystown," 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, chattles, moneys or effects; by gift, graint, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise or bequest, of any person 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, devise, and to farm, let and place out on interest, or otherwise dispose of, or invest for the use of the subscribers in said seminary, in such manner as to them or at least a quorum of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution; and to receive the rents, issue, profits, income and interest of the same, and to apply the same to the proper use of said seminary: and by the same name, to sue, prosecute and defend, implead and to 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.

SECTION 2. The said trustees shall cause to be made, for their use, one common seal, with such devices and inscrip- Seal. tions 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, alter and devise a new one.

SECTION 3. There shall be a meeting of the trustees held, Annual elec- once in every year at least, at McSherrystown, at such time as tion. 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 the power to adjourn to another day: Said trustees shall have the power of making and enacting ordinances for the government of the said Seminary; of electing trustees from among the subscribers, in the seminary as aforesaid, in the place and stead Of officers. of those who shall resign or die; of electing and appointing teachers of the said seminary; of agreeing with them for their salaries and stipends, and of removing them for misconduct, breaches of the ordinances of the institution, or other causes which shall be deemed sufficient; of appointing committees of their own body, to carry into execution, all and every the resolutions of the 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 incidentally necessary to be determined by said trustees: *Provided*, That no ordinances or regulation, shall be of any force, which is repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth.

**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 and sciences, or 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.

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

**SECTION 6.** No misnomer of the 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: *Provided*, That nothing in this act or any other law of this commonwealth, shall entitle the said seminary hereby incorporated, to receive the appropriation granted to female seminaries and academies, by the fourth section of the act of the twelfth of April, 1838, entitled a supplement to an act to consolidate and amend the several acts, relative to a general system of education, by common schools, passed the 13th of June, 1836.

Power to confer degrees.

And grant certificates to graduates.

Persons of every religious opinion, eligible as officers, teachers, or pupils.

Misnomer.

Proviso, not to receive annual appropriation.

**SECTION 7.** The legislature reserves the right to revoke, al- Repealing  
ter or annul, the charter hereby granted, at any time they may clause.  
think proper.

WM. HOPKINS,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

W. T. ROGERS,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

**APPROVED**—The thirtieth day of January eighteen hundred  
and forty.

DAVID R. PORTER.

[No. 5.]

## A N A C T

Supplementary to an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Southwark  
Fire Insurance company," of the county of Philadelphia.

**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 au-  
thority of the same:* That so much of the second section of an act, entitled "an act to incorporate the Southwark Fire In- Repeal of cer-  
surance company," of the county of Philadelphia, as relates tain part of  
to the location of the said company, in the district of South- former act.  
wark, be and the same is hereby repealed: *Provided, That* Proviso.  
the stockholders voting at a general meeting to be called for Stockholders  
that purpose, shall determine upon any change to be made in to determine  
the location of the company. location.

WM. HOPKINS,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

W. T. ROGERS,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

**APPROVED**—The sixth day of February, eighteen hundred  
and forty.

DAVID R. PORTER.