

[No. 102.]

A N A C T

To incorporate the Independent Church of Gettysburg; and for other purposes.

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 the members now composing the "Associate Reformed Church of Gettysburg," in the county of Adams, be and the same are hereby created into one body politic and corporate in deed and in law, by the name style and title of the "Independent Church of Gettysburg," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and elsewhere; and the trustees of said congregation elected as hereinafter is directed, shall be able and capable in law and equity, to take and hold to them and their successors, for the use of said church and congregation, lands, tenements, goods, and chattels of whatever kind, nature or quality, real personal or mixed, which is now, or shall hereafter become the property of said church or congregation, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, or bequest, from any person or persons, whatsoever, capable of making the same; and the same to grant, bargain, sell, mortgage or dispose of, for the use of the said church and congregation, in such manner as may be directed by the majority of the congregation, that may be present at any meeting to be held for that purpose, of which said meeting at least two weeks notice shall be given from the pulpit or clerk's desk, or in any other way a majority of the trustees may direct, and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which shall be lawful for them to do for the well being and due management of the affairs thereof; *Provided,* That the clear yearly value or income shall not at any time exceed two thousand dollars; *And provided also,* That the seal of the corporation shall not be affixed to any conveyance of its real estate, unless such sale or transfer be approved at a meeting of the congregation, held after two weeks notice of the same shall have been given as aforesaid, and upon two thirds of the members present at such meeting approving of the sale and conveyance as aforesaid; the said trustees shall affix the corporate seal of the said

Church created.

Name.

Powers and privileges, how and by whom exercised.

Proviso.

Income limited.

2nd proviso.

Conveyance, how made.

church to a conveyance of the said real estate, and the same shall be valid in law.

SECTION 2. The trustees of said church and congregation shall be six in number, and until others shall be elected shall consist of the following named persons, viz: John Brown, Samuel S. M'Creary, William Young, Alexander Caldwell, William Thompson, and Robert Conover, who shall continue in office until the first Tuesday in November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, and on that day, and on the same day annually thereafter, the male members of said congregation shall, at any general meeting thereof, of which notice shall be given as aforesaid, elect by ballot six persons to serve as trustees for the ensuing year, and until other trustees shall be elected, or appointed. If vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise, shall happen in the office of trustees, the remaining trustees may appoint others to supply such vacancy or vacancies, to serve until the next election.

SECTION 3. The said trustees or their successors shall have full power to enact and enforce such by-laws and ordinances, as they shall think proper for the regulation and transaction of the business of the said congregation, and to make, have, and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at their pleasure; and if the said congregation neglect on the day of the annual meeting to hold their election, the corporation shall not be dissolved, but a majority of the trustees may appoint any subsequent time on which the election may be held: *Provided*, That notice thereof be given from the pulpit or clerk's desk, or in such other manner as a majority of the trustees may think proper to direct, at least two weeks before said election: *And provided also*, That the said by-laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this act, or with the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States.

SECTION 4 All the rights, powers, and immunities now and heretofore enjoyed by, and belonging to the "Associate Reformed church of Gettysburg, in the county of Adams," in regard to any property real, personal, or mixed, are hereby continued and confirmed to the "Independent church of Gettysburg," as fully as if no change in their act of incorporation had been made.

SECTION 5. That the act entitled an act to incorporate the borough of Williamsburg, in Huntingdon county, passed the nineteenth day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, be and the same is hereby repealed.

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. T. ROGERS,

Speaker of the Senate.

[We do hereby certify, that the bill, entitled an act to incor-

porate the Independent church of Gettysburg, and for other purposes, was presented to the Governor, on Wednesday the 18th day of March instant, has not been returned within ten days, Sundays excepted; wherefore it has, agreeably to the constitution of this commonwealth, become a law, in like manner, as if he had signed it.

J. SEILER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.
H. BUEHLER,
Clerk of the Senate.

HARRISBURG, March 31st, 1840.]

[No. 103.]

A N A C T

To incorporate a company in the borough of Bedford, to be called the United States Fire company of Bedford.

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 Lewis W. Smith, George D. Shuck, John H. Hofius, jr. John Mower, Solomon Filler, Alexander King, John Funk, Joseph Ottinger, Joseph Filler, William C. Logan, B. F. Mann, James Reamer, and S. L. Russell, and such other persons as now are, or may hereafter become members, shall be, and they are hereby created and declared to be one body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the United States Fire company of Bedford, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended in any court of record and elsewhere, and to make, have and use one common seal, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure, and generally to do, perform and execute all and every matter and thing which to them it shall or may appertain to do, for the well-being of said corporation.

SECTION 2. That the said incorporated company shall assemble and meet at such times and places as they now have, or hereafter may agree upon, to ordain, establish, and put in execution all such by-laws, ordinances, rules and regulations

Corporators.

Name.

Seal.

Meetings.

By-laws.