

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.

as shall be necessary and proper for the government of said corporation, not being contrary to this charter, the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth, and also to purchase, have, receive, possess, enjoy and retain 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, in such manner as they may judge proper; *Provided*, That the said corporation or body politic shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in value the sum of seven thousand dollars.

Liberties and franchises.

Proviso. Possessions limited.

SECTION 3. The following shall be the fundamental articles of said company.

#### ARTICLE 1.

The name and title of this company shall be the United States Fire company of Bedford.

Name.

#### ARTICLE 2.

The object of this company shall be the extinguishment of fires.

Object.

#### ARTICLE 3.

The officers of the company shall be a president, treasurer, secretary, and board of directors, [whose number shall be fixed by the company,] who shall be annually elected by ballot at the stated meeting in May, and the duties of the aforesaid officers shall be particularly enumerated in the by-laws; *Provided always*, That vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise may be supplied at any time, upon due notice thereof given to the said company by the president, or, in his absence, by the secretary.

Officers.

Vacancies.

#### ARTICLE 4.

Stated meetings shall be held at least quarterly, and special meetings at such times as the by-laws may direct. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of those convened shall govern, except in the alteration or adoption of by-laws, when the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present shall be required, and the matter shall be proposed at a previous stated meeting.

Stated meetings.

Quorum.

#### ARTICLE 5.

Members shall be elected by ballot, and the votes of two-thirds of the members present shall be required for their admission.

Membership.

#### ARTICLE 6.

Each member shall be liable to such fines and contributions as the by-laws may prescribe, and his resignation of membership shall not be accepted until his dues and fines are paid or remitted.

Fines.

## ARTICLE 7.

Removal and Any members may be removed from office or expelled from  
expulsion. the company for neglect of duty or violation of the by-laws,  
by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

WM. HOPKINS,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

W. T. ROGERS,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The third day of April, Anno Domini, one  
thousand eight hundred and forty.

DAVID R. PORTER.

[No. 104.]

## A N A C T

To incorporate the "Hellertown Company for the insurance of the lives  
of Horses, and the detection of horse thieves."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Re-*  
*presentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Gen-*  
*eral Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority*  
*of the same:* That the persons who have associated them-  
selves into a horse insurance company, in the county of  
Northampton, by the name of the "Hellertown Company for  
the detection of horse thieves;" with such members as shall  
hereafter be admitted members thereof, in the manner provid-  
ed by the by-laws of the company, shall be, and they are  
hereby created and made a body politic and corporate, by the  
name style and title of the "Hellertown Company for the in-  
surance of the lives of horses, and the apprehension and de-  
tection of horse thieves;" and they and their successors are  
hereby ordained and declared a body politic and corporate, in  
fact and in law, with all the legal incidents to a corporation  
aggregate; *Provided,* That the said company shall have pow-  
er to hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding  
two thousand dollars.

Insurance  
company cre-  
ated.  
Name.

Possessions  
limited.

Annual elec-  
tion.

SECTION 2. That on the first Saturday in January next,  
and on the first Saturday in January, in every year thereafter,  
the members of the said company shall convene for the elec-  
tion of directors of said company, who shall continue in office