

[No. 134.]

A N A C T

To incorporate the Mount Vernon Academy, 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 there shall be and is hereby established in the village of Reesville, in the county of Chester, an academy or public school for the education of youth in the English and other languages, and in the useful arts, sciences and literature, by the name, style and title of the Mount Vernon Academy; the said academy to be under the direction, management and government of a board of trustees, not exceeding five in number, three of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, which said trustees and their successors 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 Mount Vernon Academy, by which name and title the said trustees and their successors shall be able 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 other effects, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise or bequest of any person or persons whatsoever, and the same messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattles, moneys and estates, real and personal, to grant, bargain, sell, convey, assure, demise, and to farm, let, or otherwise dispose of, or invest in such manner as to them, or a quorum of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, issues, profits, and income and interest of the same for the use of the 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 has power to manage his own concerns.

Academy in-
corporated.

Name and
style.

Privileges &
franchises.

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, by and with which seal all deeds, certificates and acts of the said corporation shall be authenticated; and the same seal the said trustees may at their pleasure break and alter, and also, if they think proper, devise a new one. Seal.

SECTION 3. Joshua Evans, Joshua Jones, John M. Davis, Adam Siter and James F. Latta are appointed trustees of said corporation, which said trustees, or any three of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint their successors and to fill any and all vacancies which may occur in their body, and this same power and authority shall be transmitted to and vested in such successors or persons so appointed, *ad infinitum*. Trustees.
Power of

SECTION 4. The said trustees shall have the power of making and enacting ordinances for the government of the said Seminary, of electing and appointing the 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 cause 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 all such other officers as they may find necessary for managing the corporation, of providing for the punishments of all violations of the rules, regulations, or ordinances of the Seminary; and generally at any annual, adjourned, or extra meeting shall determine all matters and things which shall occasionally arise or be 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. To make or
dinances.
Officers.
Proviso.

SECTION 5. No misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest to and from the 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. Misnomer.
Proviso.

SECTION 6. That nothing in this act, or any other law of this commonwealth, shall entitle the Institution hereby incorporated to receive the appropriation heretofore granted to female seminaries and academies, by the fourth section of the act, passed the twelfth day of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, 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 thirteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-six. Not to receive
annual appro-
priation.

SECTION 7. The legislature reserves the right to revoke,

Right to annul.

alter or annul the charter hereby granted, whenever it may be thought expedient,

Deed executed by W. H. Jones & Jane W. his wife to Margaret W. Johnson acknowledged and validated.

SECTION 8. That a certain deed of conveyance made and executed by William H. Jones and Jane W. his wife, of Somerset county, in the state of Maryland, to Margaret W. Johnston of the same place, bearing date the thirtieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, by the said grantors, acknowledged before William H. Curtis and Theodore G. Dashiell, two Justices of the Peace of the state of Maryland, for Somerset county, aforesaid, by whom such acknowledgment is certified, and which deed is recorded in the office for recording of deeds in the city and county of Philadelphia, in deed book, G. S., number one, page five, and so forth, shall be deemed and adjudged to be as good and valid in law for the purpose of granting, conveying, and assuring the hereditaments and premises therein mentioned, situate on the north side of Mulberry street, between Delaware sixth and seventh streets, in the city of Philadelphia, with the appurtenances; and the record thereof shall be of the same effect as if the acknowledgement of the same deed had been in the same way, manner and form taken and certified by and before any Judge, Alderman, or Justice of the Peace, of and within this commonwealth.

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. T. ROGERS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty.

DAVID R. PORTER.

[No. 135.]

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To the act entitled "An act authorizing the Governor to incorporate the York Water company," passed the eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

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 in addition to the authority given to "The York Water company," the president and managers thereof, are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed to