

before the first day of October last, any thing in the thirteenth article of the second section of said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

EB. KINGSBURY, Jr.

Speaker of the Senate.

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

DAVID R. PORTER.

[No. 149.]

AN ACT

To establish an Academy at Centreville, in the county of Crawford.

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 hereby is established in

Academy incorporated.

Name, style, and title.

Privileges, & franchises.

the village of Centreville, in Rome township, in the county of Crawford, 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 Centreville Academy, under the care and direction of six trustees, who, and their successors in office, shall be, and are hereby declared to be one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name and style of the trustees of the Centreville Academy, and by the same name, shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and elsewhere; and shall be capable in law and equity, to take and hold to them and their successors, for the use of said Academy, lands, goods, chattles and moneys, of every kind whatsoever, by gift, grant, conveyance, devise or bequest, from any person or persons whomsoever, capable of making the same, and the same from time to time, to sell, convey or dispose of, for the use of said Academy, and to erect such buildings as may be necessary, and to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to break or alter at pleasure, and generally to do all and singular the matters and

things which shall be lawful for them to do, for the well being of the said Academy, and due management and ordering of the affairs thereof.

SECTION 2. And the first election of trustees shall take place on the first Friday in August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, and on the same Friday thereafter, annually at the Presbyterian meeting house, in the said village of Centreville; and the said election shall commence at the hour of one o'clock, P. M. and continue until five o'clock, P. M. and shall be conducted by two managers, who shall be appointed by a majority of the citizens qualified to vote, who may be present at the time of commencing said election. No person shall be allowed to be a trustee, or to vote unless he be a citizen of said county, and shall have subscribed and paid to the funds of said Academy the sum of five dollars. The vote shall be given by ballot, and each ticket shall be labelled on the outside, "Trustees of Centreville Academy," and at the first election shall contain the names of six persons, and the six having the greatest number of votes, and being qualified according to the provisions of this act, shall be the trustees for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected. The managers shall certify the result of the election to each person so elected. As soon as convenient after the election, the said trustees shall by lot divide themselves into three classes of two each. The term of office of the first class, shall expire in one year after their election; that of the second in two years, and that of the third in three years; and after the first election, but two trustees shall be elected annually. The board of trustees shall have power to fill vacancies, to appoint their president yearly, who shall be one of the elected trustees, and they shall have power to enact such by-laws as may be necessary, not being inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, or the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth; and four of the said trustees shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum may in the absence of the President appoint a president *pro tempore*; the said board of trustees shall appoint a secretary and treasurer yearly, but they shall have power to remove either, whenever a majority of the board shall think proper. The treasurer shall before he commences the duties of his office, give a bond to said corporation with one or more good sureties, to be approved of by a majority of the managers, for a penal sum, double the estimated amount for the time being of the funds of the corporation, conditioned for the performance of his duties enjoined and the re-payment of moneys received by him.

SECTION 3. The treasurer shall receive and hold all moneys belonging to the institution, and pay the same only to the order of the board, signed by the president and secretary, or by a majority of the trustees, and he shall keep fair accounts thereof, to be open at all seasonable hours for the inspection of all persons, who may have contributed to the funds of said institution;

First election of Trustees, when & where and how held.

Who may vote.

Manner of voting.

Classification of trustees.

By-laws.

Quorum.

Officers.

Treasurer to give bond.

Duty of Treasurer.

To exhibit and the said trustees and treasurer shall annually in the month of January, exhibit all their books, vouchers and accounts of every kind, before the auditors of the county of Crawford, to be settled and adjusted in the same manner as accounts of county commissioners are, or shall be by law directed to be settled, and any balance found due the institution shall be entered of record and become a lien, and be collected in the same manner and under the same regulations as balances found due from county treasurers, saving to the accountant and the corporation the same right to appeal. Every trustee or treasurer, who shall neglect or refuse to exhibit his books, accounts and vouchers, as aforesaid, shall forfeit the sum of forty dollars, to be recovered as debts of a similar amount, are now by law recoverable in any action (brought by a person qualified to vote for trustees,) in the name of said corporation, one half to be recovered for the use of the Academy, and the other half for the use of the prosecutor.

Penalty for refusal.

Who may be trustees.

Misnomer.

Proviso.

Right to annul.

SECTION 4. 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.

SECTION 5. 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.

SECTION 6. 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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