

[No. 33.]

AN ACT

To incorporate the Society of the Methodist Episcopal church of Berwick, in the county of Columbia, with power to sell certain real estate.

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 Methodist society, in the borough of Berwick, in the county of Columbia, in the state of Pennsylvania, be, and the same is hereby created into a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of the "Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the borough of Berwick," and by the same name, shall have perpetual succession; and the present trustees, who have been appointed agreeably to the discipline of said church, or their successors in office, shall be able to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and elsewhere, and shall be able and capable in law and equity, to take and to hold to them and their successors, for the use of said church, lands, tenements, goods and chattels, of whatsoever kind, nature and quality, real, personal or mixed, which now is or shall hereafter become the property of the said society, or be held for their use, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, devise, bequest or otherwise, from any person whomsoever, capable of making the same, and the same to grant, bargain, sell, or otherwise dispose of, for the use of the said society: *Provided however,* That no such sale, disposal or alienation, shall be legally valid, without having first obtained the consent of at least two-thirds of said trustees, at a special meeting, regularly called for that purpose, and afterwards approved by a majority of the members of the quarterly conference of the circuit or station, including Berwick: *Provided also,* That the yearly value or income of said estate shall not, at any one time, exceed two thousand dollars, and shall not be appropriated to any other than benevolent or religious purposes.

HENDRICK B. WRIGHT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

B. CRISPIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

DAVID R. PORTER.