

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas another road was laid out a short time afterwards through the lands then owned by said David Rees and since by said Henry Dorrach from the extent of said forty-two perches in the first mentioned road to a certain road leading from North Wales towards Coryell's Ferry, crossing the said Butler's road at the distance of thirty-eight perches from the said place of beginning, and at the distance of twenty-five perches from the beginning of the first mentioned road, which said road when laid was looked upon and intended both by the jury and petitioners as well as the then owner of the land to render useless the said forty-two perches of the first mentioned road as it could be of no public use, but of considerable injury to the owner of the land to continue the same or keep it open:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas multiplying of roads unnecessarily not only tends to increase the expense of the highways, but it is likewise a waste of land which might otherwise be employed for the raising of produce:

[Section I.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the publication of this act the above said forty-two perches of the first mentioned road or so much of the same as lies between Butler's road aforesaid, and where the last mentioned road falls into or meets with the first mentioned road be discontinued and abolished.

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CHAPTER MX.

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF NEWTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the Presbyterian congregation of Newtown, in the county of Bucks, have by their petition prayed that their said congregation may be incorporated, and by law

enabled as a body corporate and politic to receive and hold such charitable donations and bequests as may from time to time be made to their society and vested with such powers and privileges as are enjoyed by other religious societies who are incorporated in this state:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas it is just and right and also agreeable to the true spirit of the constitution that the prayer of the said petition be granted:

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, any by the authority of the same, That James McNair, Joseph Sacket, esquire, John Thompson, esquire, Joshua Anderson, esquire, the Reverend James Boyd and ohn Burley and their successors duly elected and appointed in such manner as hereinafter is directed be and they are hereby made and constituted a corporation and body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance forever by the name, style and title of, "The Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of Newtown in the County of Bucks."

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation and their successors shall forever hereafter be persons able and capable in law, as well to take, receive and hold, all and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises and other hereditaments which at any time heretofore have been granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released, devised or otherwise conveyed to the aforesaid Presbyterian congregation of Newtown, now under the pastoral care of the Reverend James Boyd, or to any other person or persons to their use, or in trust for them; and the same lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises and other hereditaments are hereby vested and established in the said corporation and their successors forever according to their original use and intention: And the said corporation and their successors are hereby declared to be seized and possessed of such estate and estates therein as in and by the respective grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, releases, devises, or other conveyances thereof is or are declared,

limited or expressed; as also that the said corporation and their successors at all times hereafter shall be able and capable to purchase, have, hold, receive and enjoy in fee simple or of any other lesser estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises and other hereditaments, by the gift, bargain, sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release, confirmation or devise of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable and able to make the same; and further that the said corporation may take and receive any sum or sums of money, or any portion of goods and chattels that shall be given to them, by any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, capable of making such gift or bequest: such money, goods and chattels to be laid out and disposed of for the use and benefit of the aforesaid congregation, agreeable to the intention of the donors.

[Section III.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the rents, profits and interests of the said real and personal estate of the aforesaid corporation and congregation shall by the said trustees and their successors from time to time be applied and laid out by them for the maintenance and support of the gospel ministry in said congregation, for repairing and maintaining their house of public worship, lot of land, burial grounds and such other pious and charitable uses as shall be thought proper by a majority of the congregation at large called together on due notice, to give their free vote in such case.

[Section IV.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when and as often as it may become necessary to rebuild, enlarge or otherwise alter the house of public worship belonging to the aforesaid congregation and corporation, or to erect any new buildings, or to make any new purchases for the use of the said congregation then and in such case, it may be lawful for the aforesaid trustees and their successors to make sales or otherwise to dispose of such part or parcel of the said estate, real or personal, as a majority of the regular members of said congregation shall by their vote direct, the money arising from such sale or disposal to be laid out and applied agreeable to the vote of the aforesaid majority.

[Section V.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by

the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees and their successors shall not by deed or any otherwise grant, alien, convey or otherwise dispose of any part or parcel of the estate, real or personal in the said corporation vested or to be hereafter vested; or charge or encumber the same to any person or persons whatsoever, except in the manner and for the purpose herein before mentioned.

[Section VI.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees or their successors or a majority of them may from time to time meet as often as they may think necessary for the benefit of the said corporation, either on their own adjournments or on public notice from the pulpit the preceding Sabbath immediately after Divine service and before the congregation is dismissed, or on regular notice in writing left at the house of each trustee, and that the said trustees being so met, be authorized and empowered and they are hereby authorized and empowered to elect and appoint from among themselves a president, and also to elect and appoint from among themselves or other members of said congregation a treasurer and secretary, and to remove, change or continue all or either of them at pleasure as shall seem to be most for the benefit of said congregation.

(Section IX, P. L.) Provided nevertheless, That the meeting or meetings of said corporation be not called without the concurrence of two or more trustees, or of three or more respectable members of said congregation with the president, or without the particular business and reasons of the meeting being specified with the notification.

[Section VII.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees, or a majority of them, met as is hereinbefore directed, shall be authorized and empowered and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make rules, by-laws and ordinances, and to do everything needful for the government and support of the secular affairs of said congregation.

(Section XI, P. L.) Provided that the said by-laws, rules and ordinances, or any of them be not repugnant to the laws of this commonwealth; and that all their laws and proceedings be fairly and regularly entered in a book kept for that purpose.

[Section VIII.] (Section XII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation and their successors shall have full power and authority to make, have, and use one common seal, with such device and inscription as they shall think proper; and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure.

[Section IX.] (Section XIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation and their successors by the name of "The Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of Newtown in the County of Bucks," shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court court or before any judge or justice in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands of whatever kind, nature or form they may be; and all and every matter and thing therein to do, in as full and effectual a manner as any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate within this commonwealth may or can do.

[Section X.] (Section XIV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall always consist of six members called and known by the name of "The Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of Newtown in the County of Bucks," and the said members shall at all times hereafter be chosen by ballot by a majority of such members met together of the said congregation, as shall have been enrolled as stated worshippers with said congregation for at least the space of one year and shall have paid one year's pew rent or other sum of money not less than ten shillings for the use and benefit of the said congregation and corporation.

(Section XV, P. L.) Provided always, That the pastor or minister of the said congregation for the time being shall be entitled to vote equally with any member of said congregation, and also that all and every person or persons qualified to vote and elect as aforesaid shall and may be also capable of being voted and elected a trustee as aforesaid.

[Section XI.] (Section XVI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said James McNair, Joseph Sackett, esquire, John Thompson, esquire, Joshua Anderson, esquire, James Boyd and John Burly, the first present trustees

hereby incorporated shall be and continue trustees until removed in manner following to wit: One third part in number of said trustees, being the third part herein first named, shall cease and discontinue and their appointment determine on the first Monday of October which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three; and the second third part herein mentioned shall cease discontinue and their appointment determine on the first Monday in October, which shall be in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and in like manner the appointment of the last third part herein mentioned shall cease and determine on the first Monday which shall be in October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, on which days in each of the aforementioned years respectively new elections shall be held of other trustees instead and place of those whose appointments shall have ceased and terminated; which manner of discontinuance, determination and new appointment or election shall be continued on the first Monday in October in every year hereafter forever, so that no person shall be or continue a trustee longer than three years together without being re-elected; which may be done, whenever, and as often as the members of said congregation qualified to vote as afore described shall think fit.

(Section XVII, P. L.) Provided always, That whenever any vacancy shall happen by the death, refusal to serve, or other removal of any one or more of the said trustees, an election shall be held as soon as conveniently can be done, and some fit person or persons chosen and appointed as before directed to supply such vacancy; and that the remaining trustees have power to call a meeting of the electors of the said congregation for that purpose.

[Section XII.] (Section XVIII, P. L.) Provided always and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the clear yearly value, interest or income of the lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments and real estate of the said corporation shall not exceed the sum of fixe hundred pounds gold or silver money at the current value thereof in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, exclusive of pew rents and other

free contributions belonging to the aforesaid congregation, which said money shall be received by the said trustees and disposed of by them for the purposes and in manner herein before described and directed.

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CHAPTER MXI.

AN ACT TO VEST THE PRESENT TRUSTEES OF THE LOAN OFFICE WITH CERTAIN POWERS AND AUTHORITIES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it is required in and by the act establishing the loan-office, passed the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, and in and by the act appointing certain persons therein named to do and execute the business and duty of those which had been appointed in and by the first mentioned act that certain persons therein named proceed and do certain acts and things as therein is severally and respectively set forth:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas doubts have arisen whether one trustee can legally do and perform the several duties of the said office:

For remedy whereof.

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That David Rittenhouse, esquire, the present trustee of the loan-office, be and he is hereby vested with all the powers and authorities of any or all of the former trustees of the said loan-office.

[Section II.] And it is hereby enacted and declared, That every act and debt of the said David Rittenhouse done in pursuance of his said trust, shall be, and hereby is declared to be to all intents and purposes, as good, valid and effectual in law, as if the same had been done by any