

CHAPTER MCCLXXII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF LEACOCK IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas divers of the members of the Presbyterian congregation of Leacock township in the county of Lancaster, have humbly petitioned the general assembly praying that the said congregation may be incorporated and thereby enabled to recover, receive and hold bequests, legacies and donations which may be made to the use of the same congregation and that the Reverend Nathaniel Semple, the present pastor thereof, James Mercer, John Craig, John Slaymaker, George McElwaine, William Porter, Henry Slaymaker, junior, William Crayton and James Cooper, members of the aforesaid congregation may be constituted the first trustees by act of general assembly to be passed for that purpose.

And whereas this general assembly hath consented that the same congregation be incorporated and vested with such powers and privileges as have been heretofore granted to other religious societies which have been incorporated by acts of the legislature:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II. 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 the said Nathaniel Semple, James Mercer, John Craig, John Slaymaker, George McElwaine, William Porter, Henry Slaymaker, junior, William Crayton and James Cooper and their successors to be eight in number and to be duly elected as hereinafter is directed be and they are hereby made and constituted one body politic and corporate in law and in fact to have continuance forever by the name, style and title of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of Leacock in the county of Lancaster."

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees and their successors by the name, style and title aforesaid shall forever here-

after be able and capable in law as well to take, receive and hold all and all manner of lands and other real and personal estate which have at any time or times heretofore been bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released, devised or otherwise given, granted or bequeathed to the said religious society and congregation of Leacock in the county of Lancaster, or to any person or persons in trust for the said society and congregation. And the said trustees and their successors are hereby declared to be seized and possessed of such estate therein and for the same uses and intents as in and by the respective grant, devise or instrument is set forth and limited. And moreover the said trustees and their successors at all times hereafter shall be able and capable to purchase, take, hold and enjoy for the use of the said congregation any real estate in fee simple or less estate by gift, grant, alienation, devise or other act or instrument of and from any person capable to make the same. And further the same trustees and their successors shall apply the rents, profits and yearly income of the said congregation for the time being for repairing and enlarging if need be the house of public worship and the enclosure of the burying ground of the same and to erect and repair the school house and for such other pious and charitable purposes as shall be directed by the major vote of the regular members of the said society and congregation duly assembled upon public notice thereof the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, preceding, from the pulpit or desk of the said house of worship.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and singular the powers, privileges, regulations, provisions and directions, together with the limitations and restrictions contained in an act of general assembly, entitled "An act for incorporating the Presbyterian Congregation of Pequea in the County of Lancaster,"¹ enacted on the fifth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, mutatis mutandis, shall be and the same are hereby extended and applied, to the said congregation of Leacock and to the trustees hereinbefore mentioned and their successors.

¹ Chapter 1124.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P. L.) Provided nevertheless, That no sale or alienation of the real estate of the said corporation to be made by the said trustees or their successors, bona fide, and for valuable consideration in case the possession thereof pass immediately to the purchaser thereof and continued in him or his heirs or assigns shall be impeached or called in question for want of the consent of the majority of the regular members of the said society and congregation given as required by the act aforesaid, unless the same be done within seven years from and after the sale and delivery of possession to the said purchaser.

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• CHAPTER MCCLXXIII.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE UNITED EPISCOPAL CHURCHES OF TRINITY CHURCH IN OXFORD TOWNSHIP AND ALL SAINTS' CHURCH IN LOWER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP IN PHILADELPHIA COUNTY AND SAINT THOMAS'S CHURCH IN WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas divers members of the Episcopal Church formerly in communion with the Church of England, did many years ago at a considerable expense erect and build one house for the public worship of God in Oxford township which they nominated and styled Trinity church, one other house in Lower Dublin township, which they nominated and styled All Saints' church both in Philadelphia county, and one other house in Whitemarsh township, in Montgomery county which they nominated and styled Saint Thomas' church:

And whereas it hath been represented to this house by the minister, wardens and vestrymen of the above named churches that they have suffered and still do suffer may inconveniences and disadvantages from the want of legal power as a politic and corporate body and also have petitioned that they the said minister, wardens and vestrymen, together with the other members of the religious society who assemble in the said