

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 supreme executive council of this state be and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw an order or orders on the state treasurer for any sum or sums of money not exceeding twelve hundred pounds, which said sum or sums shall be paid by the state treasurer out of the duties and imposts [arising] on goods, wares and merchandise imported into this state under the acts of the twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five and the fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven. And the supreme executive council are hereby empowered and directed to apply the said sum or sums of money or such part thereof as shall be found necessary for and towards defraying the expenses of purchasing of the Indians the tract or parcel of land hereinbefore mentioned.

Passed October 3, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 406. See the Act of Assembly passed September 28, 1789, Chapter 1447.

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## CHAPTER MCCCLXVIII.

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION OF SAINT JAMES AT PERKIOMEN IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW PROVIDENCE AND COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the Episcopal congregation of Saint James Church at Perkiomen in the township of New Providence and county of Montgomery have petitioned this house that said congregation may be incorporated and by law enabled as a body corporate and politic to receive and to hold such charitable donations and bequests as have been or hereafter may be made to said congregation and vested with such powers and privileges as are invested in and enjoyed by other

religious societies which have already been incorporated by the legislature of this state:

And whereas in compliance with the prayers of the petitioners and agreeable to the spirit of the constitution this house is disposed to exercise the powers therein vested:

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 Reverend Slaitor Clay, the present minister, James Shannon and Nathan Pawling, wardens, Henry Pawling, Senior, Edward Lane, John Bean, Henry Newberry, Joseph Pawling, Robert Shannon, Benjamin Rittenhouse, Henry Pawling, Junior, John Pawling, Junior, vestrymen, and their successors, duly elected and appointed 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 Minister, Wardens and Vestrymen of the Episcopal congregation of Saint James's Church at Perkiomen in the Township of New Providence and County of Montgomery:"

And whereas the aforesaid congregation are already possessed of real estates consisting of a certain messuage or tract of land and parsonage house contiguous to said church, containing fifty acres, the donation and bequest of William Lane, deceased and it is hoped similar donations may be made to said church.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Therefore be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the above named trustees and their successors or a majority of them consisting of not less than two-thirds of the whole number, shall have power to receive in trust for the benefit of said congregation all such charitable donations and bequests as already have been or hereafter may be made and also in case it shall be deemed for the benefit or advantage of said congregation by a majority of [the] trustees or their successors as aforesaid, they shall have power to bargain, sell and convey all such real estate and donations

of land other than the site on which the church stands as already is or hereafter may be made to said congregation and in lieu thereof to purchase other real estate that may by said trustees be deemed more beneficial to the secular interest of said congregation, Provided nevertheless, That the clear yearly income, rents and value of all such real estate and charitable donations belonging to said congregation does not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds specie.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation and their successors by the name, style and title aforesaid shall forever hereafter have, use and exercise all and singular the like powers, authorities, rights, privileges, immunities and shall be subject to such regulations, provisions and directions and to such limitations and restrictions as were given and granted to the Episcopal Congregation of Saint Paul's Church in the city of Philadelphia in and by an act of the general assembly entitled, "An act for incorporating Saint Paul's Church in the city of Philadelphia"<sup>1</sup> passed the twenty-third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

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<sup>1</sup> Passed September 23, 1783, Chapter 1041.

Passed October 3, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 411.

## CHAPTER MCCLXIX.

AN ACT FOR VESTING A LOT OF GROUND HEREIN DESCRIBED WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED AND MADE IN THE TRUSTEES OF DICKINSON COLLEGE IN THE BOROUGH OF CARLISLE IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, late proprietaries of Pennsylvania, did by their patent bearing date at Philadelphia the third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-