

the authority of the same, That the said suspending law by which the powers of the trustees of Westmoreland county were suspended is hereby repealed, made null and void to all intents and purposes and that the said trustees are hereby authorized and required to proceed in applying the remaining part of the money so levied and collected to the express purposes for which is was granted.

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CHAPTER MCCCXC.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING TO THE CORPORATION OF THE MINISTERS, VESTRYMEN AND CHURCH-WARDENS OF THE GERMAN LUTHERAN CONGREGATION IN AND NEAR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA CERTAIN LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED FOR ENDOWING A FREE SCHOOL FOR THE USE OF THE POOR OF THE SAID CONGREGATION.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it hath been represented to this house that the corporation of "The Ministers, Vestrymen and Church-wardens of the German Lutheran Congregation in and near the City of Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania" have at their own voluntary expense instituted a charity school in the city of Philadelphia in which a considerable number of poor children are educated, but the funds provided are not only so precarious in their nature but so limited in their amount as to render the continuance of their benevolent undertaking doubtful and uncertain without some assistance from the legislature wherefore they have humbly prayed this house to confer on them a grant of lands within this state:

And whereas this house in conformity to the true principles of liberty which is more dear and valuable to men in proportion as their minds are more enlightened has always promoted the dissemination of learning.

[Section I.] (Section II, 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 five thousand acres of land with the usual allowance to be located, set out and surveyed within the tract of sixty thousand acres reserved by the act of the seventh day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six entitled, "An act for the present relief and future endowment of Dickinson college in the borough of Carlisle and county of Cumberland in this state, and for reserving part of the unappropriated lands belonging to this state as a fund for the endowment of public schools, agreeably to the forty-fourth section of the constitution of this Commonwealth"¹ be and hereby are granted to the said corporation and their successors to have and to hold the same to them and their successors forever, in trust, for the purpose of supporting and maintaining a charity school in or near the city of Philadelphia in this state and for no other use or purpose whatever.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon the application of the said ministers, vestrymen and church-wardens or of any person duly authorized by them to the secretary of the land office of this state, he shall and is hereby required to grant and issue such and so many warrants to be directed to the surveyor general requiring him to survey or cause to be surveyed for the said ministers, vestrymen and church-wardens such and so many tracts of land within the sixty thousand acres reserved as aforesaid with such number of acres in each warrant as shall be specified in each application, which shall not contain less than five hundred acres in such application, and not otherwise appropriated by acts of assembly nor before located or surveyed, as shall in the whole amount to five thousand acres and the usual allowance, and the surveyor general shall receive and enter all such warrants in his office and issue copies of them directed to his deputies and upon the execution and return thereof and patents or grants of confirmation for the

¹ Passed April 7, 1786. Chapter 1224.

same issued and granted in like manner and form and having like force and effect as the like proceedings and patents have been, and are conducted and granted, in cases of private persons applying for and taking up lands under the laws of the commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

[Section III] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every tract and tracts of land hereby directed to be surveyed for the use and trust aforesaid shall be so done at the charge of the state and the president or vice-president in council is hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders on the treasurer of the state to pay and defray all the charges arising thereupon.

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CHAPTER MCCCXCI.

AN ACT TO REPEAL SO MUCH OF AN ACT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AS PROHIBITS DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD THEREOF.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas a great number of the citizens of Philadelphia and the neighborhood thereof have petitioned this house for a repeal of so much of a certain law of this commonwealth as prohibits theatrical exhibitions and this assembly being desirous of promoting the interests of genius and literature by permitting such theatrical exhibitions as are capable of advancing morality and virtue and polishing the manners and habits of society, and it being contrary to the principles of a free government to deprive any of its citizens of a rational and innocent entertainment, which at the same time that it affords a necessary relaxation from the fatigues of business is calculated to inform the mind and improve the heart:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of