

at ten pounds each agreeably to the constitution of the said society, to be paid out of the moneys appropriated for claims and improvements by the act entitled, "An act to appropriate divers funds arising and growing due to this commonwealth towards the payment of the expenses of government and to provide a fund for other purposes."<sup>1</sup>

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the profits arising from the said shares so subscribed for shall be received and accounted for by the said treasurer.

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<sup>1</sup> Passed March 26, 1789, Chapter 1404.

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## CHAPTER MCDVIII.

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### AN ACT FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the physicians of Philadelphia, influenced by a conviction of the many advantages which have arisen from literary institutions, have associated themselves under the name and title of "The College of Physicians of Philadelphia:"

And whereas the object of this college is to advance the science of medicine and thereby to lessen human misery, by investigating the diseases and remedies which are peculiar to this country, by observing the effects of different seasons, climates and situations, upon the human body, by recording the changes which are produced in diseases by the progress of agriculture, arts, population and manners; by searching for medicines in the American woods, waters and in the bowels of the earth, by enlarging the avenues to knowledge from the discoveries and publications of foreign countries and by cultivating order and uniformity in the practice of physic:

And whereas the said College of Physicians have prayed us, the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania, that they may be created a body politic and corporate forever with such power, privileges and immunities as may best answer the laudable purposes which the members thereof have in view:

Wherefore to assist and encourage the said College of Physicians in the prosecution and advancement of useful knowledge for the benefit of their country and of mankind:

[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 members of the said College of Physicians, that is to say, John Redman, John Jones, William Shippen, Junior, Adam Kuhn, John Morgan, Benjamin Rush, Samuel Duffield, Gerardus Clarkson, George Glentworth, Thomas Parke, James Hutchinson, Robert Harris, John Carson, Benjamin Duffield, William W. Smith, John Foulke, Samuel Powel Griffiths, William Clarkson, William Currie, Benjamin Say, Andrew Ross, John Morris, Nathan Dorsey, James Cunningham, Caspar Wistar, Junior, Michael Leib and John H. Gibbons be and the same persons are and shall be a body corporate and politic in deed and in name by the name and style of "The College of Physicians of Philadelphia" and by the same name they and their successors are hereby constituted and confirmed one body corporate and politic in law to have perpetual succession and to be able and capable to have hold and enjoy any goods and chattels, lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, gifts and bequests of what nature soever in fee simple or for term of years, life or lives or otherwise and also to grant, sell, alien, assign or let the same lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises according to the grant of the respective grants and bequests made to the said corporation and of the estate of the corporation therein. Provided, That the amount of the clear yearly value of such real estate exceed not the sum of five hundred pounds [lawful] money of this commonwealth.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation be and

shall be forever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all or any courts of justice and other places in all manner of suits, actions, complaints, pleas, causes and matters of what nature or kind soever and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said corporation forever hereafter to have and use a common seal and the same seal at the will and pleasure of the said corporation to break, change, alter and renew.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the well ordering of the said corporation and its affairs there shall be at all times hereafter the following officers of the same, that is to say, one president, one vice-president, four censors, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from amongst the fellows of the said College of Physicians on the first Tuesday in the month of July forever hereafter or within one calendar month after the same day in any year and that John Redman be the present president of the said college, John Jones the present vice-president, William Shippen, Junior, Adam Kuhn, Benjamin Rush and Samuel Duffield the present censors, Samuel Powel Griffiths the present secretary, and that the Gerardus Clarkson be the treasurer of the said college and shall be and remain the president, vice-president, censors, secretary and treasurer, respectively of the said college until they are superseded by a new election, to be made by the fellows of the said college, as aforesaid, and all vacancies by death, resignation or otherwise which shall at any time hereafter happen in any of the said offices may be filled by a special election to be held so often as occasion shall require.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the authorities and duties of the officers of the said corporation who are hereinbefore mentioned and of any others which the said corporation shall be fit to appoint, the times of meeting of the said corporation, the admission of members and the other concerns of the said corporation, shall be regulated by the by-laws and ordinances

of the said corporation heretofore made or to be made touching the premises.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) Provided always and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no by-laws nor ordinances of the said corporation hereafter made shall be binding upon the members or officers thereof unless the same shall be proposed at one regular meeting of the said corporation and enacted and received at another after the intervention of at least thirty days and that no sale or alienation or lease for above three years of any part of the real estate of the said corporation shall be valid unless the terms and nature of such sale or lease be proposed at a previous meeting of the said corporation.

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## CHAPTER MCDIX.

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### AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR AMENDING THE PENAL LAWS OF THIS STATE."<sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) In order to remedy several abuses arising from certain defects in the act entitled "An act for amending the penal laws of this state," and to render the provisions therein contained more beneficial and effectual:

[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 county commissioners of the several counties of this state except the county of Philadelphia shall and they are hereby enjoined and required as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this act to cause to be set apart and prepared in their respective county gaols and in the yards thereof suitable and sufficient places and apartments for the accommodation of such persons as are or may be con-

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<sup>1</sup>Passed September 15, 1786, Chapter 1241.