

shall [be] and they are hereby authorized and empowered to place in the hands of such persons as they judge safe such parcels of tickets from time to time for sale on account of the said lottery as they may suppose to be necessary to forward the designs of the lottery.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said managers shall have and receive one half per centum on the gross amount of the sales of the tickets to be equally divided amongst them in full satisfaction for their care, attention and trouble in managing, directing and drawing the said lottery.

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CHAPTER MCDXLI.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE SOCIETY FORMED FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESSED AND DECAYED PILOTS, THEIR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by an act of general assembly passed the fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight entitled "An act to establish a board of wardens for the port of Philadelphia and for other purposes therein mentioned,"¹ it was enacted that all and singular the sums of money which should be paid to the collector of the tonnage by virtue of the said act for one fourth part of the pilotage of all ships or vessels brought or navigated up to the port of Philadelphia or carried from thence without a pilot and all fines to be recovered from pilots for any breach of the said act should be kept as a fund by the said collector for the use of distressed and decayed pilots, their widows and children, to be distributed by a society of pilots to be formed for that purpose and that so soon as a society should be formed by the said pilots consisting of two thirds of the whole number of first rate certificate pilots at least and

¹Chapter 1365.

having a board of managers, treasurer and clerk, the said collector should pay to them or their orders all the said moneys to be by them kept, managed and distributed as aforesaid and also should once in every half year pay over to the said managers for the uses aforesaid all the moneys by him to be received from time to time for such one fourth part of pilotages and the fines which may be recovered from pilots by virtue of the said act.

And whereas more than two thirds of the whole number of such first rate certificate pilots have formed themselves into a society for the relief of distressed and decayed pilots, their widows and children and by their articles for forming the said society bearing date the tenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight did appoint Henry Fisher, Aaron Bennet, Richard Howard, William Ross, Andrew Higgins, Samuel Thompson, James Art, Henry Stephens, William West, John Barnes, Aaron Edmonds and John Snyder to be managers; Isaac Roach to be treasurer, and Nathaniel Galt to be clerk of the said society, to continue in office until the second Monday in October in this present year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine:

[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 all and every person and persons who have heretofore subscribed the said articles and each and every person serving as a pilot to and from the port of Philadelphia who shall be furnished with a certificate according to the directions of the said act of assembly, who shall hereafter pay and contribute any sum of money not less than three shillings and nine pence and the further sum of six shillings annually to the treasurer hereinafter mentioned to and for the uses and purposes in this act specified and who shall be admitted into the said society by the ballots of a majority of the members who shall have met at any general meeting of the said society to be held in manner and at the times hereinafter mentioned, shall be and they are hereby declared to be members of the said society and are hereby made a body politic

and corporate in law to all intents and purposes and shall have perpetual succession and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded by the name of "The Society for the Relief of Distressed and Decayed Pilots, their Widows and Children," in all courts of judicature within this commonwealth, and by that name shall and may purchase any lands, tenements and estates, and also receive and take any lands, tenements or hereditaments not exceeding the value of ten thousand pounds of the gifts, alienation or devise and any goods or chattels of the bequest of any person or persons whatsoever, and shall and may lend on interest any sum or sums of money belonging to the said contributors to such person or persons, bodies politic or corporate as may be willing to borrow the same in the manner and on such real and other securities as they shall think proper and sufficient and the said corporation are hereby empowered to have and use one common seal in all their affairs.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Henry Fisher, Aaron Bennet, Richard Howard, William Ross, Andrew Higgins, Samuel Thompson, James Art, Henry Stephens, William West, John Barnes, Aaron Edmonds and John Snyder shall be and continue managers of the said society until the second Monday in October next and until others shall be chosen in their room which said managers and all other managers to be hereafter chosen by virtue of this act or a majority of them are hereby authorized and empowered to provide a seal for the said society and to change and alter the same if they shall see occasion and also to take in, place out, secure and improve the stock and to dispose of the interest, profits and produce thereof together with the yearly payments of six shillings which shall be made or have been made since the said tenth day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight for and towards the relief and support of poor distressed and decayed pilots, their widows and children and for and towards no other use, intent and purpose whatsoever. And that all future subscriptions, donations, gifts, bequests and devises shall be adjudged and deemed capital stock unless the same shall be other-

wise declared by such donations, gifts, bequests or devises and shall be from time to time laid out in the purchase of real or landed property or placed out on good security as aforesaid and not otherwise disposed of by the said managers.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall be a general meeting of the contributors on the second Monday in October and on the second Monday in April in every year, and the managers or a majority of them are hereby also authorized and empowered to call special meetings when and so often as they shall judge necessary so to do of which they shall give notice in one or more of the public newspapers, published in the city of Philadelphia at least one week before such special meetings, at all which general and special meetings the contributors shall and may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to consider and treat and determine of and concerning all and every the matters and things relating to the prudent management and good order of the said society and to make and ordain all such rules, orders and by-laws as shall be useful and necessary for that purpose and generally for the well ordering all other matters and things concerning the estate, goods, chattels, lands, tenements and revenues thereof, all which by-laws, rules and orders shall be inviolably observed by all concerned. Provided always, That the said by-laws, rules and orders be not repugnant to the laws of this commonwealth and shall [be] agreed to by a majority of the contributors present at such meeting.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at the said general meeting on the second Monday in October yearly and every year the said contributors who shall be present shall choose by tickets in writing twelve persons out of their own body to be the managers and one other person to be the treasurer for the ensuing year and that the managers of the preceding year shall appoint two of their own body with three other contributors (who are not managers) to be judges of the election, who shall under their hands or the hands of a major part of them report the names of the persons duly elected managers and treasurer

respectively for the ensuing year to the general meeting and when the said election shall be finished and the report so made the contributors present may proceed to business and not before.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Isaac Roach of the district of Southwark in the county of Philadelphia shall be treasurer to the said society and shall continue in his said office until the second Monday in October next and until another shall be chosen in his stead, which treasurer and all other treasurers to be elected by virtue of this act shall have the custody of the moneys, securities and deeds belonging to the said society and shall from time to time pay and deliver the same and every of them to such person or persons as the managers or a majority of them shall by their orders direct and appoint, which said orders shall be good vouchers to indemnify him. And the said treasurer shall and he is hereby required to give sufficient releases and acquittances of and for all sums of money which he shall receive on any mortgage, bond, bill or other security and within one month after request to acknowledge the same on record if such payment shall be on mortgage under the penalty of forfeiting any sum of money not exceeding the mortgage money, to be recovered in any court of record within this commonwealth by bill, plaint or information and shall also keep regular and fair books of accounts of all moneys, securities, deeds, writings and other things and effects by him received, paid or delivered as aforesaid. And that such treasurer before he enters upon the duties of his office shall give such security to the said corporation in the name aforesaid for the due and faithful discharge of his trust and for accounting for and delivering up to his successor in the

[Section VI.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted said office all such moneys, securities, deeds, writings and effects as shall have come to his hands or custody and which shall not have been paid or delivered upon discharge of any mortgage as aforesaid or by order of the managers as aforesaid as the said managers or a majority of them shall direct and require, which security the said managers are hereby enjoined and re-

quired to see duly given and executed and recorded in the office for recording deeds for the county of Philadelphia before he shall receive any of the said moneys, securities, deeds, writings, and other effects as aforesaid.

[Section VI.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said managers shall meet when and where and as often as they shall think proper and being a majority at least shall and may enter upon, order and direct and dispatch all such matters and things as shall properly come before them and such their proceedings shall be good and valid in all the affairs of the society aforesaid, done and performed in pursuance of this act or that shall be committed to their management by the contributors aforesaid from time to time at their general or special meetings.

[Section VII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said managers shall keep fair and exact accounts of all their transactions and proceedings and a true and fair list of all donations, subscriptions and payments which shall from time to time be made to and for the uses and purposes in this act mentioned and shall yearly and every year publish the same together with an account of moneys expended in some of the newspapers printed in the city of Philadelphia and shall at all times when required submit the books, minutes, accounts, affairs and economy of the said society to the inspection and free examination of such committee of the general assembly as may from time to time be appointed for inspecting and examining the same.

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See the Act of Assembly passed February 27, 1789, Chapter 1969.

CHAPTER MCDLXII.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE GERMAN LUTHERN CONGREGATION WORSHIPPING AT THE CHURCH CALLED S. PETER'S IN PIKE-LAND OWNERSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the congregation of the German Lutheran Church, worshipping at the church called St. Peter's