

CHAPTER MMCDLXXXIV.

AN ACT GRANTING RELIEF TO THE HEIRS OF MICHAEL IRICK,
DECEASED.

Whereas it appears that Michael Irick, late of the county of York, deceased, was enlisted as a soldier in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, in colonel Hartley's regiment, for the term of three years, or until the end of the revolutionary war: And whereas it appears, that being on command at Wyoming, in the winter of one thousand seven hundred and eighty he, through the inclemency of the weather, had his feet nearly frozen off, in consequence of which he was disabled from continuing in the service of his country or of providing for himself and family: And whereas it further appears that said Michael Irick deceased never received any donation land, therefore,

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the board of property be, and they are hereby, required and directed to grant to the heirs of Michael Irick, late of the county of York deceased, the share of donation land to which he would have been entitled had he served to the end of the war.

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CHAPTER MMCDLXXXV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE AN ACADEMY OR PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE
TOWN OF NORRIS, AND COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED, (4).

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That there be erected, and hereby

is erected and established in the town of Norris, in the county of Montgomery, a county school or academy for the education of youth in the learned and foreign languages, the useful arts, sciences and literature; the style, name and title of which said school or academy, and the constitution thereof shall be and are hereby declared to be as is hereinafter mentioned and defined; that is to say, First. The said academy shall be forever hereafter called and known by the name of "The Norristown Academy." Second. That the said academy shall be under the management, direction and government of thirteen trustees and a principal, who shall be a trustee ex officio, or a quorum or board thereof, as hereinafter mentioned. Third. That the first trustees of the said academy shall consist of the following persons, to wit: William Tennent, Slator Clay, and John Gemmil, ministers of the gospel; Andrew Porter, Francis Swaine, Cadwallader Evans, John Jones, Seth Chapman, Levi Pawling, Isaac Huddleson, John Markley, Alexander Crawford and Robert Hamill, which said trustees and their successors, to be elected in the manner hereinafter mentioned, shall forever hereafter be and they are hereby erected, established and declared to be one body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, in deed and in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, by the name, style and title of "The trustees of the Norristown academy;" by which name and title they the said trustees and successors shall be competent and capable in law and equity to take to themselves and their successors, for the use of the academy, any estate, in any messuage, lands, tenements, goods, chattels, monies or other effects, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise or bequest of any person or persons whomsoever: Provided, the same do not exceed in the whole the yearly value of ten thousand dollars, the same messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and estate, real and personal, to grant, bargain, sell, convey, assure, demise and to farm let, and place out on interest, or otherwise dispose of, for the use of the said academy, in such manner as to them, or at least five of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, issues, profits, income and interest of the same, and

to apply the same to the proper use and support of the said academy; and by the same name to sue, commence, prosecute and defend, implead and be impleaded, in any courts of law or equity, and in all manner of suits or actions whatsoever, and generally by and in the same name to do and transact all and every the business touching or concerning the premises, or which shall be incidentally necessary thereto, as fully and effectually as any natural person or body politic or corporate within this commonwealth have power to manage their own concerns, and to hold, enjoy and exercise all such powers, authorities and jurisdictions as are customary in other seminaries of learning. Fourth. The said trustees shall cause to be made for their use, one common seal, with such devices and inscriptions thereon as they shall think proper, under and by which deeds, diplomas, certificates and acts of the said corporation shall pass and be authenticated, and the same seal at their pleasure may break and devise a new one. Fifth. That the said trustees of the said academy, or five of them at least, shall meet at the town of Norris, on the first Monday of May next, for the purpose of concerting and agreeing to such business, as in consequence of this act shall be proper to be laid before them at the commencement of the institution, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time as they shall see cause for the purpose of perfecting the same. Sixth. That there shall be a meeting of the said trustees held once in every year at least, at the town of Norris, at such time as the said trustees or a quorum thereof shall appoint; of which notice shall be given after the first meeting, either by public advertisement in two of the nearest public newspapers, three weeks before the time, or by notice in writing, signed by the clerk or other officers of the trustees for that purpose to be appointed, and sent to each trustee at least ten days before the time of such intended meeting; and if at such meeting, seven of the said trustees shall not be present, those of them who shall be present shall have power to adjourn the meeting to any other day, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes as if the whole number of trustees, for the time being, were present; but if five or more of the said

trustees shall meet at the said appointed times or at any other time of adjournment, then such five or more of the said trustees shall be a board or quorum, and a majority of them shall be capable of doing and transacting all the business and concerns of the said academy, not otherwise provided for by this act, and particularly of making and enacting ordinances for the government of the said academy, of electing trustees to supply any vacancies that may happen by death, resignation or otherwise, of electing and appointing the principal and masters of the said academy, of agreeing with them for their salaries and stipends, ascertaining their several duties and powers, and removing them for misconduct or breach of the laws of the institution, of appointing committees of their own body to carry into execution all and every the resolutions of the board, of appointing a treasurer, secretary, stewards, managers and other necessary and customary officers, for the taking care of the estate and managing the concerns of the corporation, and generally a majority of the board or quorum of the said trustees, consisting of five persons at least, at any annual or adjourned meeting, after notice given as aforesaid, shall determine all the matters and things (although the same be not herein particularly mentioned) which shall occasionally arise and be incidentally necessary to be determined and transacted by the said trustees: Provided always, that no ordinances shall be of force which shall be repugnant to the laws of this state. Seventh. Persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected trustees, nor shall any person, either as principal, master, or pupil, be refused admittance for his conscientious persuasion in matters of religion: Provided, he shall demean himself in a sober, orderly manner, and conform to the rules and regulations of the academy. No misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, will, or other writing, whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to or from the said corporation, nor shall any disuser or nonuser of the rights, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions and authorities

hereby granted to the said corporation or any of them, create or cause a forfeiture thereof.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees hereinbefore appointed and their successors, and the principal and masters, and every of them hereafter to be appointed, in such manner and form as herein is directed and required, before he or they enter upon the duties of their trust or office, shall before a justice of the peace of this state, take and subscribe the oaths or affirmations prescribed by the constitution of this state to be taken by the officers of this state, and shall also take an oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of their respective trusts or offices aforesaid.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the trustees aforesaid, or their successors, or a majority of them, to sell and dispose of the aforesaid lot of ground, with the schoolhouse thereon erected, in the town of Norris aforesaid, with the rights, members, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, as soon as the same may be conveniently done, either by private or public sale, for the best and highest price that can be had for the same, and to execute and deliver an assurance and conveyance of the premises, valid in law, to the purchaser or purchasers, his, her or their heirs and assigns forever, and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale towards the purchasing another larger lot, more conveniently situated in the town of Norris, and for the purpose of erecting thereon an academy for the education of youth.

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CHAPTER MMCDLXXXVI.

AN ACT ALTERING AND EXTENDING THE POWERS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF BRISTOL.

Whereas the burgesses, high constable and common council of the borough of Bristol, have, by their petition to the legis-