

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-

lature, represented that inconveniences are experienced by them in the execution of certain duties required by their charter of incorporation: 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 in all elections of burgesses for the borough of Bristol aforesaid, the electors shall designate in their ballots the person voted for as chief burgess and the person voted for as second burgess; and if there shall be an equal number of votes for two or more persons as chief burgess, or as second burgess, then, in either case, there shall be a second ballot taken, to determine which of the persons having an equal number of votes as aforesaid, shall be chief burgess or second burgess, as the case may be.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any inhabitant of said borough, who shall be duly elected to serve as a member of the common council, assessor or poundkeeper, and having due notice thereof, shall refuse to undertake and execute the office to which he shall have been elected, every person so refusing shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, to be levied by distress and sale of the goods of the party refusing, by warrant under the hand and seal of one of the said burgesses, or by any other lawful ways or means whatsoever, for the use of the said corporation; and in any such case it shall and may be lawful for the electors of the said borough, to proceed to the choice of some other fit person, in the stead of the person who shall so refuse.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a majority of the burgesses and common council of the said borough, shall be a board, to do and perform all such things, and to exercise all such powers as are by law vested in the said corporation.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And whereas doubts have arisen whether the original charter authorizes the corporation of the said borough to have and hold real estate, and to sell and transfer the same. In order to remove such doubts,

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said corporation, by the name and style of the burgesses, high constable and common council of the borough of Bristol, shall, at all times hereafter, be persons able and capable in law, to have, get, receive, hold and possess lands, tenements, rents, liberties, jurisdictions, franchises, and hereditaments, to them and their sucesors in office, in fee simple or for term of life, lives, years or otherwise, and also goods and chattels, and other things, of what nature or kind soever, and also to give, grant, let, sell and assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, and generally to do and execute all other things about the same, by the name aforesaid; and they shall forever hereafter be persons 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 of the courts within this commonwealth, or other places, and before any judges, justices or other persons whomsoever within this commonwealth, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes and matters whatsoever.

Section V. (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the original act of incorporation, or of any other act for the regulation of the borough of Bristol aforesaid, as are altered or supplied by the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER MMCDLXXXVII.

AN ACT TO ERECT THE TOWN OF MORRISVILLE INTO A BOROUGH.

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 town of Morrisville and its vicinity, in the county of Bucks, shall be, and the same is hereby erected into a borough, which shall be called