

thereof into the surveyor general's office, and the surveyor general shall certify the same to the secretary of the land office, and, upon the payment of the customary price of lands, of the date of the said patent, with interest for the said surplus, it shall be deemed and taken to be in full of all claim and demand of this commonwealth of, in and to the land contained within the said lines marked and known by the name of John Gillihan's survey as aforesaid, as fully and completely as if patents had issued for the same, and the said holders of the said lands, respectively, shall hold the same, agreeably to their respective surveys, without any further demand whatsoever of or from this commonwealth according to their respective deeds, and the said lines marked and known as aforesaid shall forever be the boundary of the said tract of land called Carrol's Delight, any variance in the boundary hereby established, from any former survey or reputed boundary of the said tract of land notwithstanding. Provided always, That nothing in this act contained shall in any wise injure or impair the title of any person to the land contained within the said lines or any part thereof.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That an act passed the thirty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, entitled, "An act to ascertain the boundary lines of a tract of land in York county called Carrol's Delight"<sup>1</sup> be and the same is hereby repealed.

<sup>1</sup>Chapter 1818.

Passed March 28, 1797. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 184, etc.

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## CHAPTER MCMXXXIX.

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE MEMBERS OF THE AGGREGATE CORPORATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF CLERGYMEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR THE BETTER MANAGEMENT OF THEIR SHARE AND PROPORTION OF THE FUNDS AND ESTATE OF THE SAID AGGREGATE CORPORATION, UPON A DIVISION OF THE SAME BEING MADE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SAID CORPORATION, CITIZENS OF THE STATES OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

Whereas it was heretofore represented by the clergy in the communion of the church of England, residing within the pro-

vinces (now states) of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, that "they were with great difficulty able to provide for their families, so that their widows and children were often left in great distress, and praying, for remedy thereof, that corporations might be erected by similar charters in every of the said three provinces, (now states), enabling them to receive, manage and dispose of such sums of money as may be contributed and given as a fund towards the support and relief of the widows and children of the said clergy:

And whereas charters of incorporation were accordingly granted in the said three provinces, (now states), creating the said clergy, and other persons therein named, a corporation aggregate or body politic, by the name of "The Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen in the communion of the Church of England in America," with the necessary powers and immunities to them and their successors, to hold annual and adjourned meetings, and act as a body politic and corporate in any of the said three provinces, (now states), according to such rotation as, by their own fundamental ordinances and by-laws, they might appoint, as, by the several charters and the records of the same, may more at large appear:

And whereas the legislatures of the said states, since they became independent governments, favoring the laudable and charitable design for which the said aggregate corporation was instituted, and for the further promotion of the same, have passed similar and correspondent acts to revive, alter and confirm the said charters according to the [circumstances of] the revolution, and to enable the said corporation to do and transact their business by a smaller quorum than their fundamental institutions required, as appears to this legislature by the act entitled "An act to alter and confirm the charter of the corporation for the relief of the widows and children of the clergymen in the communion of the church of England in America," passed the ninth day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five,<sup>1</sup> and by one other act of the legislature of this commonwealth entitled, "An act for altering a certain clause in

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<sup>1</sup>Chapter 1128.

the charter of the corporation for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," passed the second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.<sup>2</sup>

And whereas, nevertheless, it has been represented to us that from the increase of population, and the establishment of new congregations and places of worship, even to the frontiers of the territory belonging to the said three states, it has become very expensive, and almost impractical to assemble a due representation in any of the said three states, either annually or otherwise, to transact the necessary affairs of the said aggregate corporation, and it is believed that by a separation of the funds upon principles of reciprocity, which may be easily accomplished, the portion of the fund belonging to the members in each of the states would be better managed and considerably augmented, but that, to make such separation in the safest and most satisfactory manner, the aid and sanction of similar and correspondent acts of the several legislatures of the said three states will be necessary, and the members of the said aggregate corporation, citizens of this state, have prayed the aid and sanction of this legislature accordingly:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the citizens of this state, members of the said aggregate corporation heretofore known by the name of "The Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen in the communion of the Church of England in America" and now known by the name of "The Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," or a majority of them, or such committee as a majority of them shall appoint and authorize, to treat, agree and conclude, with the members of the said aggregate corporation, citizens of the states of New York and New Jersey, or a majority of them, severally, or such committees as the said several majorities may appoint and author-

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<sup>2</sup>Chapter 1510.

ize, concerning a division and final separation of the aggregate funds and estate of the said corporation, real, personal and mixed.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when the members of the said aggregate corporation, citizens of this state, or such committee as they, or a majority of them, shall appoint and authorize for that purpose, shall have agreed upon and concluded articles of separation and division of their aggregate funds and estate aforesaid, with the members of the said aggregate corporation citizens of the states of New York and New Jersey, or such committees as they or a majority of them, shall severally appoint and authorize for that purpose, under acts of the respective legislatures of the said two states, and shall have executed releases and acquittances to each other, under their hands and the present common seal of the said aggregate corporation, the said seal may then be broken, and it shall and may hereafter be lawful, to and for the members of the said aggregate corporation, citizens of this state, and their successors, to manage the proportion, part and parts of the said aggregate funds and estate which shall fall to their share, and the increase thereof by donations or otherwise, as one sole and separate body politic in deed, fact and name, by the name of "The Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," and, by the same name, the citizens of this state, now members of the said aggregate corporation, and their successors are hereby fully created, constituted and confirmed to be and remain, after the division and separation aforesaid, one body politic and corporate forever, to manage and dispose of their proportion of the funds and estate aforesaid, and the increase thereof after such division, releases and acquittals, as are hereinbefore mentioned, to and for the benefit, relief and support of the widows and children of the clergymen in the communion of the said Protestant Episcopal Church in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to no other purpose whatsoever, according to the original design of the said charters of incorporation, and the fundamental laws made under the same, and, for

that purpose, it shall and may be lawful for them, the said corporation hereby created, or intended so to be, and their successors, to meet for the management of their affairs, at such times and places, within this commonwealth, as by their own by-laws they shall appoint, and by the said by-laws to declare the quorum capable of doing business of different kinds at such meetings, and to have one common seal for their use in their affairs and business, and the same, at the will and pleasure of them and their successors to change, alter, break and make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best, and further to have, hold, and enjoy all the privileges, rights and immunities for managing their proportion of the said aggregate funds, after the separation and division thereof as aforesaid, which, by the charters of the original aggregate corporation, and by the two acts of the legislature of this commonwealth, the titles whereof are hereinbefore recited, by the said aggregate corporation had or ought to have for managing their funds, estate and affairs within this commonwealth if this act of separation and special incorporation had never been passed:

[Section III.] Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That the widows and children of clergymen in the communion of the said Protestant Episcopal Church within this commonwealth, now entitled to annuities, or who may hereafter be entitled to the same, according to the fundamental laws and rules of the said original aggregate corporation, shall not be affected, or injured, in the tenure of the same by any ex post facto rule, law or ordinance of the corporation hereby created and erected or intended so to be, but that, the funds and estate of the said last mentioned corporation shall be, and continue, liable to the strict and due payment of all such annuities.

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