

[No. 102.]

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To establish an Institution by the name of "The Institute for Colored Youth."

WHEREAS, Richard Humphreys, a citizen of Philadelphia, died in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, bequeathing the sum of "Ten thousand dollars in trust, to be paid over to such benevolent society or institution as might be established, having for its object the benevolent design of instructing the descendants of the African race in school learning, in the various branches of the mechanic arts and trades, and in agriculture, in order to prepare and fit, and qualify them to act as teachers in such branches of business, as in the judgment of said society they may appear best qualified for. The said institution to be located not far distant from the city of Philadelphia, and to be under the care, management and control of such persons only as are members of the yearly meeting of the religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, which has for many years past held, and still continues to hold its meetings, and transacts its business in the Friends meeting house on Mulberry street, between Third and Fourth streets, in said city." AND WHEREAS, A number of individuals believing that great benefit would result to the public therefrom, have associated for the purpose of improving and elevating the moral and intellectual condition and character of the coloured people, by instructing them in conformity with the provisions contained in the above extract from the last will and testament of the aforesaid benevolent testator. Therefore.

Preamble

Corporators

SECTION 1. *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 Thomas Wistar, Charles Roberts, George Williams, John Paul, Mordecai L. Dawson, William Biddle, Philip Garret, Blakely Sharpless, John G. Hoskins, Samuel Mason, jr. Thomas Evans, Casper Wistar, John Elliott, Thomas P. Cope, Joseph Scattergood, Benjamin Cooper and Thomas Wistar, jr. and their associates and successors forever, be and they are hereby created and made a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, under the following articles, viz :

Name **ARTICLE 1.** The name, style or title of this corporation shall be "The Institute for Colored Youth."

Objects **ARTICLE 2.** The objects of this corporation shall be the education and improvement of colored youth, by instructing them in literature, agriculture and the mechanic arts.

Members **ARTICLE 3.** Members shall be admitted into this corporation, in such manner and upon such terms as the by-laws may from time to time prescribe; but no one shall be eligible to membership, but citizens of the United States, nor shall any one be admitted, or continue in this corporation, but such persons only as are or may become members of the religious society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, which now holds a yearly meeting to transact its business in Friends Meeting House, on Mulberry street, between Third and Fourth streets, in the city of Philadelphia.

Officers **ARTICLE 4.** That the officers of the corporation shall be a secretary, treasurer, and thirteen managers, all of whom shall be chosen annually from among the members; but in case of failure to choose officers at the stated times, those in office shall continue until others are chosen. The secretary and treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the board of managers.

Privileges and franchises **ARTICLE 5.** The corporation by the name, style and title as aforesaid, shall be forever able and capable in law, to purchase and sell real estate in fee simple, or otherwise, and to mortgage and let the same, and to sue and be sued, impleaded and be impleaded, in any court of record in this state or elsewhere.

Seal **ARTICLE 6.** The corporation shall have full power and authority to make, have and use one common seal, with such device and inscription as it shall think proper, and the same to break, alter and renew at its pleasure, and also to make

By-laws from time to time such by-laws, as they may deem expedient for the government of the affairs of the association: *Provided*, That such by-laws be not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this State.

Election of officers their powers and duties **ARTICLE 7.** The times of meeting of the association, the times and manner of choosing officers, their powers and duties, the liabilities of its members, and causes that shall justify disfranchisement, and generally the details of its organization, and the administration of its affairs, shall be prescribed by the by-laws of the corporation, the first meeting of which shall be called by the persons named in this act, within one year from its passage, at which time the officers of the corporation shall be chosen.

ARTICLE 8. It shall be lawful for this corporation to receive from the parents or nearest friends of the children, such indentures of apprenticeship as may give it the necessary and legal control of the boys under its care, until they shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, in order that they may be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge, and the mechanic arts, as may be suitable to their years and capacities, and it shall have power in its discretion to bind out the said children, with their consent, as apprentices during their minority, to such persons to learn such proper trades or occupations, as the managers in their judgment shall think most conducive to the future benefit and advantage of such children.

Power to control and instruct pupils

ARTICLE 9. The funds of the corporation shall be derived from the contributions of its members, from donations, devises, legacies and other sources: *Provided*, That no grant or devise to said institute shall fail, or be defeated on account of any misnomer of the corporate name of said institute.

SECTION 2. If any person shall wilfully and corruptly swear or affirm falsely, or cause or procure any person to swear or affirm falsely, before either branch of the legislature, or before any committee of the legislature, or of either branch thereof, such person, being thereof legally convicted, shall suffer such penalties and disabilities as are incurred on conviction of wilful and corrupt perjury, or subornation of perjury.

Perjury &c before legislature how punished

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN STROHM,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-third day of June, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and forty-two.

DAVID R. PORTER.