No. 254.

AN ACT

To incorporate the members of the congregation known by the name of "the United Brethren in Christ," in the borough of York.

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 the members of the congregation known by the name of "the United Brethren in Christ," in the borough of York and its vicinity, be and the same are hereby created and erected into one body politic and corporate. in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "the United Name. Brethren in Christ;" and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded; and shall be able and capable to take and hold, lands and tenements, goods Powers, &c. and chattels, real, personal and mixed, which are now or may hereafter become the property of said congregation or body corporate, by purchase, gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, and the same to convey, lay out, apply or dispose of, in such manner as a majority of the trustees of the said congregation shall direct and appoint, and according to the true intent of donors, grantors and devisors; and the yearly value or income of the real, personal or mixed estate of said congregation shall not at any time exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, exclusive of annual stated contributions: *Provided however,* Proviso. That the trustees do not dispose or apply any property contrary to the discipline of the general conference of the church of the "United Brethren in Christ."

SECTION 2. That Jacob Ehrhart, Peter Rahauser and Adam Strayer, Trustees. be trustees of said congregation, and to continue in office until others be chosen as their successors, in accordance with the church discipline of the general conference of the church of the "United Brethren in Christ."

SECTION 3. That the said trustees shall choose from among their Officers. number a president and a secretary, and also a treasurer, who is a member of the congregation, and who shall, if required by the trustees, give security for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him, and to account to them for all sums of money received by him; and in case of the removal of the president or of any of the trustees, or of any other officer of the board of trustees, by death, resignation, neglecting to attend the meeting of the said board twice in succession, without good cause, or otherwise, the vacancy or vacancies shall be Vacancy. supplied by the said board until the next regular election.

SECTION 4. That the trustees and their successors shall have full Seal. power to make and to use one common seal, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure, to enact and enforce such by-laws and ordinances as By-laws. may be necessary and proper for the regulation and transaction of the business of the corporation: *Provided,* That said by-laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the church discipline of the general conference of the "United Brethren in Christ," or of the constitution or laws of this state or of the United States.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 255.

AN ACT

To authorize the directors of the Marine Insurance company of Philadelphia to wind up and settle the affairs of the company, and distribute the assets among the stockholders.

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 as soon as a majority in number, of persons holding stock, either in their own right or in a representative capacity in the Marine Insurance company of Philadelphia, and holding together more than one-half of the whole number of shares in the capital stock, shall give their assent thereto in writing, it shall be lawful for the directors of the said company, to proceed with all convenient speed to close the business, to liquidate, settle and wind up all the concerns of the said company, and to divide the remaining capital among the stockholders.

Assent of stockholders required.

Notice.

SECTION 2. That as soon as the assent aforesaid, shall be given, it shall be the duty of the said directors to give public notice of that fact, by advertisement, for one month in four daily newspapers in the city of Philadelphia; and it shall be lawful for the said directors, at any time after three months, from the first day of such advertisement, to divide the assets of the said company, rateable, among the stockholders, in proportion to their several amounts of stock, by such dividends, and at such periods as to them may seem best: *Provided however,* That all the ascertained debts of the company, shall be paid before any such dividend of the capital stock shall be made, and that a fund fully sufficient shall be retained to meet all disputed claims, and all outstanding risks insured by the company, which fund shall not be less than the aggregate amount of such claims and risks, and that any director consenting to any dividend of the capital stock, which shall reduce the reserved fund below this amount, shall be personally liable to any party that may sustain injury thereby, and the amount of such injury shall be recoverable by action of debt, as in other cases.

Assets.

Proviso.

Assent to be recorded.

SECTION 3. That the assent in writing, may be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds for the city and county of Philadelphia, and a