

No. 383.

AN ACT

To enable the St. John's orphan asylum, to hold real estate.

WHEREAS, On the sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Preamble.
 Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, an act of incorporation, under the great seal of the state, was granted to "the St. John's orphan asylum," in pursuance of an act of the general assembly, passed the sixth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act to confer on certain associations of the citizens of this commonwealth, the powers and immunities of corporations or bodies politic in law:" And whereas, Doubts have arisen as to the power of the said, "the St. John's orphan asylum," to hold, purchase, sell, mortgage, and take by gift, grant and devise, real estate under the said charter: now for the quieting of all such doubts, and to confer on the said, "the St. John's orphan asylum," all and every the powers of a body politic and corporate in law, and to enable the said, "the St. John's orphan asylum," to hold such real estate, and the same to take by purchase, gift, grant and devise, and to sell, mortgage and dispose of the same, and to exercise all the other powers in the said charter set forth and allowed—

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 charter of "the St. John's orphan asylum," in the preamble mentioned, under the great seal of the state, enrolled in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, in charter book number five, page ninety-one, be and same is hereby confirmed, allowed and made valid, to all intents and purposes, in like manner, and with the same effect, as if the said asylum had been incorporated, originally, by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, and duly approved by the governor; and that the said "the St. John's orphan asylum" shall, in addition to the powers therein mentioned, have power, and they are hereby empowered to acquire, take, retain and hold real estate, by purchase, gift, grant, devise or otherwise howsoever, and to retain and hold such real estate, as they may have heretofore purchased; and the same, or any other real estate by them in any manner acquired, to sell, mortgage or dispose of, as they may from time to time see fit: *Provided,* That the yearly income of the real estate held by said asylum, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Former charter confirmed. Hold real estate.

SECTION 2. The charter of said asylum is hereby altered, in the following particulars, to wit: Charter altered.

I. The said institution shall, hereafter, consist of a president, vice president and nine managers.

II. The treasurer and secretary thereof, shall be elected annually, on the twenty-seventh day of December.

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III. Five members thereof shall form a quorum, for the transaction of any business of the board.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. S. ROSS,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 384.

AN ACT

To annul the marriage contract of George Y. Meek and Mary, his wife.

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 marriage contract entered into between George Y. Meek and Mary, his wife, of Centre county, is hereby annulled and made void, and the parties released and discharged from said contract, and from all duties and obligations arising therefrom, as fully, and effectually, and absolutely, as if they had never been joined in marriage.*

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. S. ROSS,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.