

No. 162.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Diligent society of Delaware county, for the detection of horse thieves and the recovery of stolen horses.

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 Diligent society of Delaware county, for the detection of horse thieves and the recovery of stolen horses, is hereby erected into a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The Diligent society of Delaware county, for the detection of horse thieves and the recovery of stolen horses;" and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued in all the courts of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, and shall be able to purchase, receive, have, hold and enjoy, to them and to their successors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents, annuities, franchises, goods and chattles, of what nature, quality or kind soever, real, personal or mixed, or choses in action, and shall have power the same from time to time to sell, grant, alien and dispose of: *Provided,* That the clear yearly income of the lands and tenements, goods and chattles, shall not exceed three thousand dollars; and also, to ordain, establish and put in execution such subordinate laws and regulations as shall appear necessary and convenient for the government of said corporation, not being contrary to the constitution of the United States or of this commonwealth, and generally to do all and singular such matters and things which to them it shall lawfully appertain to do, for the well-being of the said corporation, and the proper management of its affairs.

Style.

Privileges.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. That this society shall consist of all such persons as are now members or shall hereafter be admitted as such, agreeably to the by-laws of said society.

Members.

SECTION 3. That the officers of the society shall consist of a president, secretary and treasurer, and such others as the society may think proper to elect; the duties of said officers shall be particularly set forth in the by-laws of said society.

Officers.

SECTION 4. That the officers shall be chosen by ballot at a general meeting of the said society, on the first Thursday of September annually, to continue in office for one year, or until their successors be elected.

Annual election.

SECTION 5. That the funds of the society shall be exclusively appropriated to the payment of rewards offered for, and the expenses incurred in detecting horse thieves and recovering stolen horses, and defraying the necessary costs attending the meetings of the society.

Appropriation of funds.

SECTION 6. That the legislature reserves the right to alter, amend or annul the charter at any time hereafter.

Reservation.

J. S. M'CALMONT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

V. BEST,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.
WM. F. JOHNSTON.