

Commencement
and completion
of road.

Penalty for de-
positing obstruc-
tions in the
Tioga or Cawen-
esque rivers, or
Crooked or Pine
creeks, &c.

SECTION 3. That said road shall be commenced within three years and completed within four years thereafter, or this act shall be null and void, except so far as it may be necessary for the purpose of closing up the affairs of said company, and paying the debt of the same.

SECTION 4. That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to deposit any slab or slabs, stump or stumps, or any other obstructions in the Tioga or Cawenesque rivers, or Crooked creek, or Pine creek, or their tributaries, or in the race of any mill or mills, on said streams, in the counties of Tioga, Potter or Lycoming, which has been or may hereafter be declared by law a public highway; and any person or persons offending against the provisions of this act, shall on conviction thereof before any justice of the peace of the county where said offence shall have been committed, be fined in a sum not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, at the discretion of said justice, one-half of said fine to go to the person prosecuting the same, and the other half to be paid to the treasurer of the township in which the offence shall have been committed, to be appropriated by the road commissioners or supervisors thereof, in removing obstructions from said streams; *Provided*, That this act shall not be so construed as to prohibit any person or persons from running or floating logs or timber in said streams, to the mills, for the purpose of manufacturing, or from rafting and running timber, spars or lumber in said streams.

J. S. M'CALMONT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

V. BEST,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 396.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Saint Peter's church of Stouchburg, in the county of Berks, and state of Pennsylvania.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Klopp, Benjamin Eckert, Joel Souser and others, have purchased a lot of ground in Stouchburg, Berks county, and erected thereon an edifice, the *upon* story of which is to be used as a place of religious meetings by members of the German Reformed and Lutheran congregations, and the lower story for the accommodation of the Sunday school in said place; and also to be used for lectures, school exhibitions and school concerts, and have desired to be incorporated under the name, style and title of "Saint Peter's church of Stouchburg;" therefore,

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 said Jonathan Klopp, Benjamin Eckert and Joel Souser, and their successors, be and are hereby declared and constituted a body politic and corporate in law, under the name, style and title of "Saint Peter's Style church of Stouchsburg."

SECTION 2. That the said corporation by the same name and style shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all the courts of law and elsewhere, and shall be able and capable in law and equity to take, purchase, hold and receive to them and their successors for the use of said corporation, lands, tenements, choses in action, goods and chattels of whatever kind, nature or quality, real, personal or mixed, which now are or shall hereafter become the property of said corporation, or be held for their use by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, devise, bequest or otherwise, from any person whomsoever capable of making the same, and the same to grant, bargain, sell, mortgage, improve or dispose of for the use and benefit of the said corporation: *Provided*, That the yearly value or income of the said estate shall not at any time exceed twenty-five hundred dollars. Privileges. May hold property. Proviso.

SECTION 3. All bona fide engagements entered into, and liabilities contracted heretofore by individuals for the proper debts of said church, or for money borrowed for its use and benefits, and by its authority, shall immediately after the enrolling hereof be held and deemed the debts of the body politic and corporate herein created, which shall be liable therefor in its corporate property and capacity; and all moneys now due and owing to the said church as a church, shall be taken and deemed to be moneys due and owing to the said corporation. Said church made liable for bona fide liabilities heretofore contracted.

SECTION 4. The business of the said corporation shall be conducted by four trustees, three of whom shall be a quorum, who shall choose from among their number a president, and may appoint a secretary and treasurer from among the members of said church qualified to vote according to the sixth section of this act: the secretary shall keep true and correct minutes of the proceedings of the trustees, and the treasurer shall receive, disburse and account for all moneys coming into his hands belonging to the said corporation, and shall, if required by the trustees, give security for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him, and shall have his accounts annually settled by the trustees, to be laid before and approved by the corporation at the annual election. Business of corporation conducted by trustees.

SECTION 5. The following named persons shall be trustees until others are or shall be elected as hereinafter provided, namely: Jonathan Klopp, Benjamin Eckert, Joel Souser and Oliver M'Connel, who shall continue in office until the last Saturday in December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, on which day, and annually thereafter on the same day, the male members of the corporation who are attached to the German Reformed congregation in the neighborhood, and who are qualified to vote by the sixth section of this act, shall elect two persons, one of whom shall serve as trustee for two years, and the other for one year, the term of service to be designated by the electors on their ballots; and their places respectively shall be filled at the annual election; and on the same day and place the members of the said corporation who are attached to the Lutheran congregations, and who are qualified to vote according to the sixth section of this act, shall elect two trustees, one of whom shall serve as trustee for two years, and the other for one year, the term of service to be designated by the electors on their ballots; and their places respectively shall be filled at the annual election: *And provided*, That no person shall be eligible as a trustee unless he is a citizen of this commonwealth, and a member of regular standing in the German Reformed or Lutheran Trustees. Trustees hereafter to be elected Proviso.

churches: *And provided further*, That in case of vacancy by death or otherwise on the part of the trustees elected by either the German Reformed or Lutherans, the surviving trustees shall have power to supply it for the unexpired time from among the members of the corporation duly qualified.

Who may vote
at elections.

SECTION 6. Any member of this corporation who shall have paid an annual contribution of at least twenty-five cents towards the discharge of the yearly expenses of the church, shall be entitled to vote at the elections of said church; of which elections at least two weeks' notice shall be given by announcement from the pulpit, or some other public manner: *Provided*, That every contributing member who is not attached to either the German Reformed or Lutheran congregations in the neighborhood, shall nevertheless be entitled to vote at the said elections.

Proviso.

Purposes of edifice.

SECTION 7. The said edifice shall be used solely for the purposes specified in the first section of this act; and the members of this corporation are forever prohibited from organizing or establishing a distinct and separate congregation: *Provided*, That in case of the application of a German Reformed minister to preach in said edifice, he shall, before permission be accorded, obtain the consent of the two trustees elected on the part of the German Reformed members of the corporation, and in case of a similar application by a minister of the Lutheran persuasion, he shall, before permission be accorded, obtain the consent of the two trustees elected on the part of the Lutherans: *And provided further*, That when application is made by a German Reformed or Lutheran minister to preach in said church, and the trustees elected by either of those denominations cannot agree upon the propriety of granting permission, the matter shall, in that case, be determined a majority of the four trustees; and in case of the application of ministers of other denominations for the same privilege, the consent of a majority of the four trustees shall likewise be obtained before permission be given.

Proviso.

Meetings.

SECTION 8. The president of the corporation may call meetings of its members at any time at the request of one member of the board of trustees, or at the instance of at least six members of the corporation.

Neglect to hold
election not to
dissolve corpora-
tion.

SECTION 9. If the corporation neglect on the day of the annual election to hold their election as is herein directed, the said corporation shall not be dissolved, but the trustees may appoint any subsequent time at which the election may be held.

By-laws.

SECTION 10. The said trustees and their successors shall have full power to enact and enforce such by-laws and ordinances for their own government, and for the regulation and transaction of the business of the corporation, as shall be sanctioned by a majority of the members of the corporation qualified to vote, who may be present at a meeting to be held for that purpose: *Provided*, Such by-laws and ordinances shall not be contrary to this charter, or inconsistent with the constitution of the United States and the laws of this commonwealth.

Misnomer not to
defeat any devise,
&c.

SECTION 11. No misnomer of said corporation shall defeat any intended gift, grant, conveyance, devise or bequest thereto, if the intent shall sufficiently appear therein.

Reservation.

SECTION 12. The legislature hereby reserves the right to alter, amend, or annul the charter hereby granted, in their opinion the same may be necessary.

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APPROVED—The third day of May, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

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