

No. 178.

AN ACT

To authorize the Borough of West Chester to establish a Public Square.

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 corporate authorities of the borough of West Chester be and they are hereby authorized to purchase, hold, ornament and improve for the use of the said borough as a public square, any lands now held or owned by, or in the occupancy of the corporations or trustees of the First Baptist church of West Chester; the First Presbyterian church of the borough of West Chester, the Methodist Episcopal church of the borough of West Chester, and the church of the Holy Trinity, of the borough of West Chester, bounded by New, Barnard, Wayne, and Union streets, in said borough, and now used and occupied as cemeteries or burial grounds, and the corporate or other legitimate authorities of the said churches, or any persons in whom the title of said lands may be vested, are severally hereby empowered to grant, bargain, sell and convey the said lands or any part thereof which they may respectively own, or any interest they may have therein, to the corporate authorities of said borough in fee, for the purposes of a public square for the common use of the citizens of the said borough to be called Wayne Square, and for no other purpose whatever.

SECTION 2. That the burgesses of the said borough are hereby empowered to borrow as much money as may be required to purchase the aforesaid lot or lots of ground and to improve the same, and they are hereby authorized to issue bonds or certificates of loan for the money so borrowed, and to pledge the property of the said borough real and personal, and the property the citizens thereof, for the payment of the principal and interest accruing on said bonds or certificates of loan, and to provide for the payment thereof: *Provided*, That no bonds or certificates shall be issued of a less denomination than one hundred dollars, and that the said public square be exempt from taxation: *And provided*, That the said purchase of the aforesaid lot or lots of ground, shall not be made until the votable inhabitants of said borough shall first approve of the said purchase by a majority of their votes, at an election to be called and held for said purpose by the burgesses; at least two weeks public notice to be given of said election, and to be conducted according to such rules as the said burgesses shall establish.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.