

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said New Market ward shall be entitled to have two justices of the peace elect for the purpose of one being [appointed and commissioned] with assessors, collectors, constables, and such other officers as are chosen and appointed by law for any of the other wards in the said city: And shall also have all the powers, jurisdictions and authorities to all intents and purposes as the justices, assessors, collectors, constables and officers of any of the other wards as aforesaid have, use and enjoy.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the freeholders of the said New Market ward are hereby authorized and required to meet within twenty days after the passing of this act within the said ward and elect two fit persons as justices of the peace for New Market ward aforesaid conformably to the constitution and laws of this state for that purpose made and provided respecting the other wards of the said city.

Passed February 9, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 407, etc.

CHAPTER MCXXVIII.

AN ACT TO ALTER AND CONFIRM THE CHARTER OF THE CORPORATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF CLERGYMEN IN COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AMERICA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in and by a certain charter of incorporation from the late proprietaries of the province, new state of Pennsylvania granted at Philadelphia the seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine certain persons therein named were created a body corporate and politic by the style and name before stated:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas the persons so incorporated, took upon them the execution of the trust and powers by the

said charter reposed and vested in them regularly transacting the business of the said corporation at stated meetings agreeably to the laws and constitutions made and enacted by virtue of the said charter and having received from time to time the subscriptions of the clergy, members of the said corporation, and sundry benefactions given by charitable and well disposed persons for the purposes in the said charter set forth:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas a meeting of the said corporation was appointed to be held in the city of New York on the first Tuesday after the feast of St. Michael in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six according to the directions of the said charter, and the laws and constitutions aforesaid; but the said intended meeting was prevented by the British forces having invaded the state of New York, and possessed themselves of the said city in consequence whereof the said corporation were disabled from choosing their officers and taking the necessary measures for the further management of the funds and transactions of the business by the said charter committed to them.

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas members of the said corporation sufficient to transact the business thereof agreeably to the laws and constitutions aforesaid assembled at the said city of New York as soon as they conveniently could after the evacuation of the said city; to-wit, on the said Tuesday after the feast of St. Michael in the preceeding year:

(Section V, P. L.) And whereas the members assembled as aforesaid have by their humble petition applied to this house for the confirmation of their charter and for making sundry alterations therein as set forth in their said petition:

Therefore,

[Section I] (Section VI, P. L.) Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, no objection shall lie against the existence and rights of the said corporation on account of the non use of the powers granted to them by the said charter.

[Section VII, P. L.] And whereas it is provided in the said charter, that the by-laws of the said corporation shall not be contrary to the laws of that part of Great Britain called England:

[Section II.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said clause is hereby annulled and repealed, instead whereof it is hereby provided and enacted, that the by-laws and regulations of the said corporation shall not be contrary to the laws of this commonwealth.

[Section III.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall hereafter be called and named "The Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America."

[Section IV.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the last clause in the said charter subjecting the accounts and proceedings of the said corporation to the revisal and ratification therein specified be hereby annulled and repealed; instead whereof it is hereby enacted, that the said accounts may hereafter be revised, checked and confirmed in the manner expressed in the said charter by the president of the supreme executive council, the chief justice and the attorney-general of this commonwealth for the time being or any two of them.

[Section V.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said charter and every part thereof is hereby confirmed except such parts thereof as are by this act, altered and repealed.

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