

CHAPTER CLXXXII.

An ACT to incorporate the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

WHEREAS a number of persons desirous of promoting the cultivation of the fine arts in this country have associated themselves, procured a lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia, and made considerable progress in erecting a building thereon, for the reception and exhibition of statuary, and other specimens of art, and it is the manifest interest of free governments to cherish and encourage institutions of such nature: Therefore, at the request of the president and directors of the said academy,

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 subscribers to the association called "The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts," and all such persons as now are, or shall or may be hereafter admitted members of the same, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts," to have perpetual succession, and be capable to take, hold, and enjoy lands, tenements and hereditaments, to use a common seal, and break, alter or renew the same at pleasure: *Provided,* That the clear yearly value of the real estate by them held, shall not exceed two thousand dollars.

Subscribers to the association called "The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts," incorporated.

Style and powers of the corporation.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the officers of the said corporation,

Officers of the corporation,

how and when
to be chosen.

Of a quorum
to do business,
&c.

corporation shall consist of a president and twelve directors, to be chosen annually, by ballot, on the first Monday in June, the president shall, *ex officio*, be one of the board of directors, seven of the directors shall constitute a quorum, and shall have power to appoint a treasurer, a secretary, and such other officers as they may think necessary; vacancies in the board of directors shall be filled up by the directors till the next general election, if an election shall not be held at the time appointed, the corporation shall not for that cause be dissolved, but an election shall be held as soon afterwards as may be, and until such election, the officers in place shall continue to act; the present officers, *viz.* George Clymer, president, William Tilghman, William Rawle, Moses Levy, Joseph Hopkinson, Joseph B. M'Kean, William Meredith, William Rush, John R. Coxe, John Dorsey, William Poyntell, Thomas C. James, and Charles Wilson Peale, directors, shall continue to hold and exercise their respective offices.

The concerns
of the corpo-
ration to be re-
gulated by its
future bye-
laws.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted by the au-
thority aforesaid,* That the powers and duties of the officers herein mentioned, and of all others, who may be hereafter appointed, the times of meeting of the said corporation, the admission of new members and the other concerns of the said corporation, shall be regulated by the bye-laws and ordinances of the said corporation hereafter to be made.

CHARLES PORTER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives,
JAMES BRADY, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-eighth day of March,
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and six.

THOMAS M'KEAN,