

CHAPTER MMX.

1799.

An ACT to incorporate and endow an Academy or Public School in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

SECT. 1. [The tender of a building by the corporation of St. John's Church, in York-town, accepted. 2. The same vested in York county academy. 3. An academy established in York-town, to be called the "York-town Academy." The Trustees incorporated by the name of "The Trustees of the York County Academy," with the usual corporate powers. Annual meetings of the Trustees to be at the time they shall appoint. Proceedings at the meetings. Corporation officers, how to be appointed. Persons of every religious denomination eligible to be Trustees. No misnomer shall affect the corporation. 4. The constitution of the academy shall only be changed by the Legislature. 5. Qualification of the trustees and principal master. 6. Grant for the use of the academy, of 2000 dollars. 7. Provision for educating poor students *gratis*, not more than seven at one time. 8. Repeal of a part of the law incorporating St. John's Church, (chap. 1301,) which prevents the alienation of the school-house, &c.]

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CHAPTER MMXII.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace of this state."

(See the notes to the consolidating act of 29th March, 1810.)

The power of Justices and Aldermen in actions of trespass.

Proceedings in such actions.

SECT. I. *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 from and after the passing of this act, the powers of the Justices of the Peace of the several counties in this state, and of the Aldermen [and Aldermens' Court] in the city of Philadelphia, shall be, and the same are hereby, extended to actions or suits brought for the recovery of damages for any trespass, wrong or injury, done or committed against the real or personal estate of the plaintiff, in all such cases where the said damages shall not exceed the sum of twenty dollars* ; and it shall be the duty of the Justice, Alderman [or Aldermens' Court,] before whom any such action or suit is brought, upon the request of either the plaintiff or defendant, to appoint three reputable citizens, to be chosen by the parties, or, if the parties cannot agree in such choice, then to be nominated by the said Justice, Alderman, [or Aldermens' Court,] and to administer an oath or affirmation to the persons so chosen or appointed, justly and truly to assess the damages (if any) which the plaintiff has sustained, and after the said referees shall by view, or otherwise, have enquired into the truth of the case, and made report thereof in writing to the said Justice, Alderman [or Aldermens' Court,] judgment shall be entered thereupon, and execution issue, as in other cases : *Provided nevertheless, That if the damages so found by the**

* Extended to 50 dollars by act of 13th April, 1807, (chap. 2859,) and see the act to regulate and enforce the proceedings in case of damages under 20 dollars before a Justice of the Peace, passed 21st March, 1806, (chap. 2684.)