

church or place of public worship in addition to the two already built and that the clear yearly value of the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities and other hereditaments and real estate of the said corporation shall and may be of any amount not exceeding the value of one thousand bushels of good merchantable wheat for each and every of the said churches or places of public worship; the said yearly value or amount to be taken and computed exclusive of the moneys arising from the letting of the pews of the said churches or for opening the ground for burials in the church yards belonging to them and also exclusive of the voluntary contributions of the members for the support of the ministers duly officiating to the said congregation; which yearly income of the said real estate ascertained and limited as aforesaid, shall be disposed of by the said corporation for the purposes mentioned in and by the said charter of incorporation.

Passed March 3, 1780. See the Act of Assembly passed February 14, 1789, Chapter 1390. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 346, &c.

CHAPTER DCCCLXXXV.

AN ACT FOR RE-ESTABLISHING THE CHARTER OF THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the second Presbyterian congregation in the city of Philadelphia, by their petition, have shown that by their charter of incorporation bearing date the twenty-fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, granted by the honorable Richard Penn, Esquire, then being lieutenant-governor of Pennsylvania, twenty-four persons therein named, members of the said congregation, and their successors were nominated, ordained and appointed to be the trustees of the Second Presbyterian church, in the city of Philadelphia, one-third whereof in number were to be displaced annually on the first day of Janu-

ary and a like number of others by the said congregation chosen in their stead, and thirteen of the said twenty-four to be a quorum, able and capable to do business:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas the said congregation have further shown that by reason of many of their members having withdrawn themselves from their places of residence in the city on the prospect of the enemy's approach and by reason of the enemy having since been in actual possession of the city and of their church, the said annual elections were prevented from being held, so that no more than eight trustees remain, by which means there cannot be a quorum capable of doing any business, and have further shown that by experience they find that their having so large a quorum as thirteen renders it at all times very difficult to procure a board for doing business, and also that in and by the said charter it is provided that the clear yearly value of the real estate of the said corporation shall not exceed the sum of three hundred pounds sterling, money of Great Britain, for each house of public worship erected, or to be erected by the said corporation, which sum is inadequate to the pious and humane purposes intended and have, therefore, prayed that the twenty-four persons last elected to be the trustees aforesaid may, by a law, be reinstated and continued in the said trust until, in due course, others may be elected in their stead and that a smaller quorum may be established and enabled to do business and also that they may [be] enabled to hold estates to a greater amount than in and by the said charter is provided:

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 the aforesaid charter of incorporation be continued and confirmed to the said congregation, the aforesaid preventions notwithstanding, and that Joseph Reed, Thomas Bourne, Andrew Hodge, Gunning Bedford, John Baird, Hugh Hodge, William Faulkner, William Smith, Isaac Snowden, Daniel Goodman, Benjamin Harbeson, Nathan Cook, William Geddis, Jared Ingersoll, William Hollinshead, James Hunter, Samuel McClean, James

Robeson, Abraham Dubois, Hugh Lenox, Jonathan B. Smith, Thomas Nevill, William McIlhenney and Joseph Eastburne, last elected to be trustees as aforesaid, be and they are hereby declared to be the present trustees of the said church by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church, in the City of Philadelphia," with all and singular the powers, privileges and immunities which in and by the said charter of incorporation to the trustees of the same church are given and granted, and that they be and continue to be trustees as aforesaid until they shall be severally replaced by new elections, That is to say, that the third part in number who are first above named shall be replaced by an election of other persons or re-election of the same on the first Monday of May next, the third part who are next named shall be in the samemanner replaced on the first Monday of May then after next following, and the third part last named shall in the same manner be replaced on the first Monday of May next after that following and that the elections be in like manner held thenceforth annually on the first Monday of May forever.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the publication of this act any nine or more of the said trustees be a quorum, able and capable to act and do business in like manner as any thirteen or more of them were made a quorum, with power to act and do business in and by the said charter of incorporation.

[Section III,] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation be enabled and empowered to have and to hold messuages, houses, lands and tenements, rents, annuities and other hereditaments and real estates not exceeding the clear yearly value of one thousand bushels of good merchantable wheat for each house of public worship erected and hereafter to be erected, with a society regularly constituted, agreeable to the tenor, true intent and meaning of the said charter and with the exclusions and reservations therein expressed.