

persons as have debts due to them from the estates of persons attainted of treason and confiscated in the [late] war and for other purposes therein mentioned,"<sup>3</sup> and for the annual payment of which interest by the treasurer of this state provision hath been made by the said act of the sixteenth [day] of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five shall after the next annual payment of interest thereon be thenceforth paid half-yearly by the treasurer of this state in manner aforesaid and that the arrearages of interest due upon such certificates before the first of January next shall be paid by the said treasurer as directed by the same act of the sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

[Section X.] (Section XIII. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the interest of the certificates which have been funded on the revenue arising from the excise on wines and spirituos liquors by the act of general assembly, entitled "An act to appropriate certain moneys arising from the excise for the payment of the annual interest on unalienated certificates therein mentioned,"<sup>4</sup> of the twenty-first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three and other subsequent acts of assembly shall in like manner from and after the tenth day of April next be payable by the treasurer half-yearly to the holders of the said certificates respectively.

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<sup>3</sup> Chapter 1149.

<sup>4</sup> Chapter 1024.

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## CHAPTER MCCIII.

AN ACT FOR THE INCORPORATING THE CONGREGATION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMMONLY CALLED BANGOR CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN CHURCHTOWN, CARNARVAN TOWNSHIP, AND COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas divers members of the Protestant Episcopal Church formerly in communion with the Church of England did many years ago at a very considerable expense

erect and build an house for the public worship of Almighty God in Churchtown which they nominated and styled Bangor Church and likewise a public school house near the said church in Carnarvan Township, Lancaster County by certain appointment and a special agreement vesting the same church and school together with the lots of ground on which they are constructed in certain persons in trust.

And whereas the survivors of the said trustees together with the present vestrymen of the above named church and school have set forth and represented the disadvantages which they have sustained and yet experience from the want of legal power and consideration as a politic and corporate body and also have petitioned that they the said survivors together with the other members of the religious society who assemble in the said church may be incorporated and furnished with the due and customary privileges in this behalf and that they may have perpetual succession,

And whereas it is just and proper and perfectly consistent with the true intention and spirit of the constitution that the prayer of their petition be granted.

[Section I.] (Section II. 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 Protestant Episcopal minister of the said church for the time being, Amos Evans and Aaron Ratten the present wardens, and Jacob Morgan, Esquire, John Evans, farmer, James Old, Gabriel Davies, William Smith, James Evans, Samuel Elliott, John Rees, John Huston, Nathan Evans (son of John), Francis Wilmer, and Richard Lindsey, present vestrymen of the said church and their successors duly elected and nominated in their place and stead be and they are hereby made and constituted a corporation and body politic in law and in fact to have continuance forever by the name and title of "The Minister, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Bangor, Carnarvan township in the county of Lancaster in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Section II. (Section III. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said minister, church wardens and vestrymen and their successors by the name and title aforesaid shall forever hereafter be persons able and capable in law to purchase, have, receive, take, hold and enjoy in fee simple or of any lesser estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises and other hereditaments by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release, confirmation or devise of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate capable to make the same, and further that the said corporation may take and receive any sum or sums of money and any kind manner or portion of goods and chattels that shall be given or bequeathed to the said minister, church wardens and vestrymen and their successors or by any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate capable to make a gift or bequest thereof such money goods and chattels to be laid out by them in a purchase or purchases of lands, tenements, messuages, houses, rents, annuities or hereditaments to them and their successors forever.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the rents and revenues, profits and interests of the said church and corporation shall by the said minister, church wardens and vestrymen and their successors from time to time be appointed for the maintenance and support of the minister of said church, for salaries to their clerk and sexton and for the necessary repairs of the said church, burial ground, church yard, parsonage house, school house and other tenements which do now and hereafter may or shall belong to the said church and corporation and to no other use and purpose whatsoever.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said minister, church wardens and vestrymen and their successors shall and may grant, alien, or otherwise dispose of any messuage, houses, lands, tenements or hereditaments other than the site of the public worship of church aforesaid and the burial ground which they do now or may hereafter possess as to them [may] seem meet and proper: Provided always:

Section V. (Section VI. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in the disposition, sale or alienation of such messuages, houses, lands, tenements and hereditaments the consent and concurrence of two thirds of the vestry shall be had and obtained and also the moneys arising from the said disposition of sale shall be appropriated to the purchasing and procuring other more convenient messuages, houses, lands or tenements as the aforesaid majority or vestry may deem proper and expedient and to no other purpose or purposes whatsoever.

Section VI. (Section VII. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said minister, church wardens and vestrymen and their successors or a majority of them shall and may convene from time to time to make rules, by-laws and ordinances and to transact everything requisite for the good government and support of the said Church. Provided always, that the said rules, by-laws and ordinances be not repugnant to the laws and statutes in force within this commonwealth and that they be consonant to the usages and customs of the said church.

[Section VII.] (Section VIII.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said minister, church wardens and vestrymen shall have full power and authority to make, have and use one common seal with such device or devices and inscription as they shall think proper and the same to change, break, alter and renew at their pleasure.

[Section VIII.] (Section IX. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said ministers, church wardens and vestrymen and their successors by the name before mentioned shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court or courts, before any judge or judges, justice or justices in all manner of suits, complaints, causes, matters and demands of whatsoever kind, nature or form they be and all and every other matter and thing therein to do in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate in this commonwealth in the like cases may or can do.

[Section IX.] (Section X. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the vestry of the said church shall always consist of fourteen persons, members of the said church, of which number the church wardens are always to be two and that the election of such vestry shall be made every year on Easter Monday or some day in the same week, of which the said congregation shall have notice, by a majority of such members of said church as shall appear by the vestry books to be contributors to the support and maintenance of the said church, having and paying for a pew or part of a pew sufficient for one person at the least and to be of full age, who only shall have a right to vote for the vestrymen of the said church.

[Section X.] (Section XI. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the contributing members of the said church shall elect and choose annually and every year two of the said members to be church wardens of the said church. Provided always nevertheless that in case of the death or removal of the minister of the said church, from such death or removal of the minister and until another minister shall be duly appointed and approved for the said church, the church wardens for the time being with the consent of the major part of the vestrymen in vestry met shall have the same powers and authorities to the disposition of the rents and revenues of the said corporation as is herein before vested in the minister, church wardens and vestrymen.

[Section XI.] (Section XII.) And it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the clear yearly value of the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments and other real estate of the said corporation shall not exceed the sum of one thousand pounds lawful money of the state of Pennsylvania, exclusive of the moneys arising from the letting of the pews belonging to the said church and also exclusive of the moneys arising from the opening of the ground for burials in the church yard belonging to the said church which said moneys shall be received and disposed of by the church wardens and vestrymen for the time being for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned and directed.