

and appointed as before directed to supply such vacancy, and that the remaining trustees have power to call a meeting of the electors of the said congregation for that purpose.

[Section XII.] (Section XIII. P. L.) Provided always and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the clear yearly value, interest or income of the lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments and real estate of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds gold or silver money at the current value thereof in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, exclusive of pew rents and other free contributions belonging to the aforesaid congregation which said money shall be received by the said trustees and disposed of by them for the purposes and the manner hereinbefore described and directed.

Passed March 28, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 224, etc.
The Act in the text was in part repealed by the Act of Assembly passed September 24, 1789, Chapter 1441.

CHAPTER MCCXC.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR REESTABLISHING THE CHARACTER OF THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.¹

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the trustees of the Second Presbyterian church in the city of Philadelphia by their petition have shown that by certain clauses and provisos in their charter re-established and confirmed by an act of general assembly passed on the third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, they are restricted and disabled from alienating, encumbering or in any manner disposing of any part or parcel of their estate unless the building erected for public worship should be burned down or otherwise destroyed whereby the said trustees are prevented from making

¹Act passed March 3rd, 1780, Chapter 885.

their real estate productive or in any manner beneficial to the said corporation, and have prayed that they may be at liberty to manage and dispose of their estate so as to enable them to promote their corporate interests, which being reasonable and allowed to other religious societies within this state:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II. 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 the said trustees and their successors shall have full power and authority to grant, alien, demise, charge, encumber or otherwise dispose of any part or parcel of the estate, real or personal, which now doth or hereafter may belong to the said corporation other than the site of any house or houses erected for public worship and the ground or grounds now used or which hereafter may be used by them for the burial of the dead, as to them may seem meet and proper, any clause or proviso in said charter or act of assembly to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

(Section III.) Provided always, That before any part or parcel of the said real estate shall be sold, alienated, encumbered or charged and before the moneys and profits arising therefrom shall be disposed of or appropriated by the said trustees, the major part of the regular members of the said church met after public notice thereof hath been given the preceding Lord's day from the pulpits or desks of the said church who shall have paid an annual sum not less than twenty shillings towards the support of the pastors or other officers of the said church and for defraying the other expenses thereof and who shall not be more than one-half year behind or in arrears for the same shall approve of and consent to such sale, alienation, charge, disposal or appropriation being made by the said trustees.

(Section IV.) Provided nevertheless, That no sale, alienation nor disposition of any real estate of the said church or corporation which shall have been made with the consent aforesaid and possession whereof shall be immediately given and which shall continue in the purchaser or lessee of the same, his

or her heirs or assigns, that shall be made by the said trustees or their successors shall be invalidated although the same consent cannot hereafter be proved, except such sale, alienation or disposition be controverted within seven years immediately after making the same and delivering possession accordingly to the purchaser or lessee and duly recording the instrument whereby such sale, alienation or other disposition shall have been made in the office for recording of deeds for the proper county. Provided also, That where in any deed, will or other instrument conveying any estate, real or personal, to the said corporation to the use or uses to which the same ought to be applied shall be plainly expressed and set forth, the said trustees and their successors shall have no power to dispose of the same in any other manner or to any other use than such as is set forth and expressed in said deed, will or other instrument aforesaid.

[Section II.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the proviso or clause in the said charter which requires that the by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation be not repugnant to the laws of Great Britain or to the laws then in force in Pennsylvania shall be and the same hereby is annulled and made void.

Passed March 28, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 228, etc.

CHAPTER MCCXCI.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE UNION LIBRARY COMPANY OF HATBORO IN THE MANOR OF MORELAND AND COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the members of the Union Library Company of Hatboro in the manor of Moreland and county of Montgomery by their petition have prayed to be incorporated and vested with such powers and privileges as are enjoyed by corporations of a similar nature within this commonwealth.