

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.

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## CHAPTER MCCXCI.

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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.

(Section II. P. L.) And whereas public libraries by diffusing useful knowledge are beneficial to the commonwealth, as well as to individuals, and merit the encouragement of the legislature:

Therefore:

[Section I.] 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 all those who now are or hereafter shall or may become members of the said Library Company agreeably to the laws and constitution thereof 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, style and title of the "Union Library Company of Hatborough."

[Section II.] (Section II. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and singular the goods and chattels heretofore given, granted or devised to said library company or to any person or persons for the use thereof or that have been purchased for or on account of the same be and the said goods and chattels are hereby vested in and confirmed to the said corporation and further that the said corporation may take and receive any sum or sums of money or any goods chattels or other effects of what kind or nature soever which shall or may hereafter be given, granted or bequeathed to them by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate capable of making such gift or bequest, such money, goods, chattels or other effects to be laid out and disposed of for the use and benefit of the said corporation agreeably to the intention of the donors.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation by the name, style and title aforesaid are hereby declared and made able and capable in law at all times hereafter to purchase, have, hold, receive and enjoy in fee simple or any less estate or estates any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises or other hereditaments not exceeding the clear yearly value of five hundred pounds, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, aliena-

tion, enfeoffment, release, confirmation or devise of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate able and capable to make the same, and also to give, grant, let, sell and convey or assign the same lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises and hereditaments as to the said corporation shall seem meet and convenient.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation by the name, style and title aforesaid, be and shall be forever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and to be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in any court or courts or other places, before any judge or judges, justice or justices or other persons whatsoever within this commonwealth in all and all manner of suits, actions, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands of whatsoever kind or nature they may be in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic and corporate may or can do.

[Section V.] (Section VI. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to make, have and use one common seal with such device and inscription as they shall think proper, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure.

[Section VI.] (Section VII. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall be a general meeting of the members of said corporation held on the first Saturday of November in every year hereafter forever at such convenient and suitable place as they shall see fit from time to time to appoint, at which time and place or places the members or such of them as are or shall be present shall yearly and in every year elect and choose by ballot three directors and a treasurer to serve for one year next after such election, which said directors shall appoint a secretary and at their pleasure remove him from office and appoint another in his place when and as often as they shall see fit and also do and transact all business and matters appertaining to said corporation, agreeably to the rules, ordinances, regulations and by-laws thereof for and dur-

ing their continuance in office and the members of the said corporation or such of them as are or shall be present at such general or yearly meetings as aforesaid are hereby authorized and empowered to consider, treat of and determine upon and concerning all and every the matters and things relating to the prudent management, good order and government of the said corporation and also to make and ordain such rules, ordinances, regulations and by-laws for the purposes aforesaid, as a majority of the members present from time to time shall see needful or convenient and the same to put into execution or to revoke, disannul, alter or amend at their pleasure, which rules, ordinances, regulations and by-laws shall be valid in law and binding on the parties concerned in as full and effectual a manner as if herein particularly expressed.

(Section VIII. P. L.) Provided always, That the said rules, ordinances, regulations and by-laws be not repugnant to or inconsistent with the laws of this commonwealth.

(Section IX. P. L.) And provided also, That none of the rules, ordinances, regulations or by-laws to be made and agreed to as aforesaid shall extend to a dissolution of said corporation or shall give power to dissolve the same or to divide or make distribution of the books or other property thereof unless the free consent of every member thereunto belonging is first had or obtained.

(Section X. P. L.) And whereas the said Library Company at their last general or yearly meeting on the first Saturday in November last past did elect and choose Jonathan Shoemaker, Seneca Lukens and John Hough directors and Mordecai Thomas, treasurer, for the present year or until the first Saturday in November next.

[Section VII.] Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Jonathan Shoemaker, Seneca Lukens and John Hough, the present directors, and Mordecai Thomas, the present treasurer, shall hold and continue in their present offices and use and exercise all the authorities, rights and privileges which at present is customary according to the rules and regulations heretofore made or adopted for the order and government of the said library company until the first

Saturday in November next, at which time a new election for directors and a treasurer is to take place agreeably to the directions of this act.

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## CHAPTER MCCXCII.

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND CONGREGATION IN LOWER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the Baptist church and congregation in Lower Dublin township in the county of Philadelphia have prayed that said church and congregation may be incorporated and by law enabled as a body politic and corporate to receive and hold such charitable donations and bequests as have been or hereafter may be made to their said society and vested with such powers and privileges as are enjoyed by other religious societies which are incorporated in this state:

And whereas this house is disposed to exercise the power vested in the legislature of the commonwealth for the encouragement of pious and charitable purposes.

[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 Reverend Doctor Samuel Jones, the present minister of said church and congregation, Thomas Webster, Benjamin Dungan, Joseph Miles and John Holmes, members of said church, Enoch Edwards, Esquire, Richard Whitton, Joshua Jones and Stephen Watts, members of the congregation, and their successors duly elected and appointed in such manner as hereinafter is directed be and they are hereby made and declared and constituted a corporation and body politic and corporate in law and in fact to have continuance forever by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of