

trigonometer, together with the improvements that he may hereafter put to the same, during the term of twenty-one years, to commence from and after the passing of this act, on the like form or principles on which the said instrument called Wall's trigonometer is or may be constructed by the said Wall, and that no other person whatsoever without the consent in writing first obtained of the said George Wall, shall construct, make or vend the said instrument, and that all and every such instrument constructed, made or used within the jurisdiction of this commonwealth by any other person without the consent of the said George Wall obtained in manner above described, his executors, administrators, or assigns, are hereby declared to forfeited to and become the absolute property of the said George Wall, his executors, administrators, or assigns, together with the sum of one hundred pounds current money of said commonwealth unto the said George Wall, his heirs or assigns, recoverable in the county where the offence was committed in the usual way of recovering debts.

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all such persons as may either vend, purchase or use such instruments made out of this state, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds money aforesaid for every such instrument so obtained unto the said George Wall, in his heirs or assigns, recoverable in manner aforesaid.

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CHAPTER MCCCV.

AN ACT TO CONFIRM AND AMEND THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF THE UNITED SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCHES OF WICACOA, KINGSESSING AND UPPER MERION, CALLED GLORIA DEI, SAINT JAMES' AND CHRIST CHURCH.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, late proprietaries of the province of Pennsylvania (now commonwealth of Pennsylvania) by their letters patent, dated the twenty-fifth day of September, one thousand seven

hundred and sixty-four, under the great seal of the then province did grant a charter of incorporation to the United Swedish Lutheran Churches of Wicacoa, Kingsessing and Upper Merion by the name and title of "The United Swedish Lutheran Churches of Wicacoa, Kingsessing and Upper Merion, in the county of Philadelphia and province aforesaid:"

And whereas the present rector, church wardens and vestrymen of the said united churches, viz: The Reverend Nicholas Colleen, rector, Reynold Keen, John Stille, Matthew Jones, and Samuel Holstein, wardens, Samuel Wheeler, Hugh Dehaven, Joseph Blewer, William Jones, George Ord, Paul Beck, junior, Charles Justice, senior, Lawrence Justice, Andrew Boon, senior, Andrew Boon, junior, John Robinson, Andrew Coxe, Andrew Longacre, Ezekiel Rambo, Peter Rambo and Lindsay Coates, vestrymen, or a majority of them, by their petition to this house have prayed that the said charter may be confirmed by act of the legislature of this commonwealth and such alterations, additions and amendments made as well for the future benefit and advantage of the said united churches, as also to render the same conformable to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth:

And whereas this house have thought it expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioners.

[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 every matter, clause, section and article granted and contained in the aforesaid charter (except such parts as are hereafter repealed, made null and void) are hereby ratified, confirmed and made good in law to the before mentioned rector, church wardens and vestrymen of the said United Churches of Wicacoa, Kingsessing and Upper Merion and their successors duly chosen and nominated forever.

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said rector, church wardens and vestrymen and their successors by the name before mentioned, or a majority of them met from time to time, shall have power and authority to make rules, by-laws and ordinances and to do

everything needful to the good government and support of the said churches. Provided always, That the rules, by-laws and ordinances so made be not repugnant to the constitution of this commonwealth and the laws thereof now in force or which may hereafter be enacted.

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

(Section V. P. L.) And whereas it is represented to this house, that the Swedish language is almost extinct and in consequence thereof the mission from Sweden may probably cease to be continued according to the ancient custom and usage in that case, and not otherwise, the church wardens and vestrymen of the said united churches for the time being shall convene together the congregations of the said United Churches of Wicocoa, Kingsessing and Upper Merion, by notice given in one or more of the public newspapers of this city for at least three weeks successively, and a majority of the said congregation so met (who are descendants of or intermarried with the descendants of those ancient Swedes whose names are upon record in the church books of Wicacoa as donors to or purchasers of the lands now held and belonging to the said church, and who have heretofore attached themselves as members of the said united churches by serving in the office of vestrymen or attending divine service either by themselves or families) together with a majority of the church wardens and vestrymen shall establish some rule or regulations for the future choice or election of a rector and other minister or ministers to supply the said churches. Provided always, That such rector and other ministers shall be in the ministry of the Lutheran or

Episcopal churches and hold their faith in the doctrines of the same.

(Section VI. P. L.) And whereas it is the particular desire of the present members of the said united churches to increase their number of members in the said congregations.

[Section IV.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person a native of Sweden who shall or heretofore has emigrated into this, and has legally become a citizen of this commonwealth and is desirous of becoming a member of each or either of the said churches, such person of good character upon application to the vestry at least six months before the day of election for vestrymen shall be voted for as a member on the same day the election for vestrymen is held and if duly chosen by the congregation of said churches shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges which the present members of the said churches now enjoy.

[Section V.] And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the fifth section of the before recited charter as is supplied by the third section of this act, and so much of the seventh section of the before recited charter as is also supplied by the fourth section of this act are hereby repealed, made null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

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