

CHAPTER MCCCXXV.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE TOWN OF PITTSBURG AND VICINITY THEREOF IN THE COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas divers members of the Presbyterian congregation of Pittsburg and the vicinity thereof in the county of Westmoreland have humbly petitioned the general assembly, praying that the said congregation may be incorporated, and thereby enabled to recover, receive and hold bequests, legacies and donations which may be made to the use of the same congregation and that the Reverend Samuel Barr, the present pastor thereof, John Withers, Robert Galbreath, Stephen Bayard, Alexander Fowler, George Wallace, David Duncan, Adamson Tannyhill, John Gibson, Richard Butler and Isaac Craig, members of the aforesaid congregation, may be constituted the first trustees by act of general assembly to be passed for that purpose:

And whereas this general assembly hath consented that the same congregation be incorporated and vested with such powers and privileges as have been heretofore granted to other religious societies which have been incorporated by acts of the legislature:

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 Samuel Barr, John Withers, Robert Galbreath, Stephen Bayard, Alexander Fowler, George Wallace, David Duncan, Adamson Tannyhill, John Gibson, Richard Butler and Isaac Craig and their successors, to be ten in number, and to be duly elected as hereinafter is directed, be and they are hereby made and constituted one body corporate and politic in law and in fact to have continuance forever by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of the

Presbyterian Congregation of Pittsburg and the vicinity thereof in the county of Westmoreland.”

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees and their successors by the name, style and title aforesaid shall forever hereafter be capable in the law as well to take, receive and hold all and all manner of lands and other real and personal estate, which have at any time or times heretofore been granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released, devised or otherwise given, granted or bequeathed to the said religious society and congregation of Pittsburg and the vicinity thereof in the county of Westmoreland or to any person or persons in trust for the said society, and the said trustees and their successors are hereby declared to be seized and possessed of such estate therein and for the same uses and intents as in and by the respective grant, devise or other instrument is set forth and limited, and moreover the said trustees and their successors at all times hereafter shall be able and capable to purchase, take, hold and enjoy for the use of the said congregation any real estate in fee simple or less estate by gift, grant, alienation, devise or other act or instrument of and from and person capable to make the same, and further the same trustees and their successors shall apply the rents, profits and yearly income of the said congregation for the time being, for repairing and enlarging if need be, the house of public worship and the enclosures of the burying ground of the same, and to erect and repair the school house and for such other pious and charitable purposes as shall be directed by the major vote of the regular members of the said society and congregation duly assembled upon public notice thereof the Sunday preceeding from the pulpit or desk of the said house of worship.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and singular the powers, privileges, regulations, provisions and directions subject to the limitations and restrictions contained in an act of general assembly, entitled “An act for incorporating the Presbyterian congregation of Pequea in the county of Lancaster,” enacted on the fifth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and

eighty-six¹ mutatis mutandis, shall be and the same are hereby extended and applied to the said congregation of Pittsburg and to the trustees hereinbefore mentioned and their successors.

[Section V.] Provided nevertheless, That no sale or alienation of the real estate of the said corporation to be made by the said trustees or their successors, bona fide and for valuable consideration, in case the possession thereof pass immediately to the purchaser thereof and continue in him or his heirs and assigns shall be impeached or called in question for want of the consent of the majority of the regular members of the said society and congregation given as required by the act aforesaid, unless the same be done within seven years from and after the sale and delivery of possession to the said purchaser.

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¹Passed February 5, 1785, Chapter 1124.

