

CHAPTER MMDCCCLXXXVII.

AN ACT TO EXTEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE LAND-OFFICE TO SIGN PATENTS FOR LANDS, AND LAND WARRANTS." (1)

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the act, entitled "An act to authorize the secretary of the land-office to sign patents for land, and land warrants," passed on the fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seven,⁽¹⁾ be and the same is hereby extended, and the same shall be in full force and operation until the first day of January, which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

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Note (1) Chapter 2306; Supra this volume, p. 465.

CHAPTER MMDCCCLXXXVIII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH AND CONGREGATION IN PHILADELPHIA.

Whereas a number of individuals have associated themselves in a religious society under the name of the Second Baptist Church and Congregation in Philadelphia, have erected a house of public worship, and have acquired some additional property: And whereas the trustees of the said church and congregation have petitioned the legislature to grant them a charter of incorporation agreeable to certain articles of agreement entered into, between the members thereof: Therefore,

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Samuel Bower, Isaac White, Jacob Keen, Isaac Johnson, Thomas Timings, John Collard and Cornelius Trimnol, the present trustees of the said church and congregation, and their successors duly elected, be and they are hereby made and constituted a corporation and body politic in law and in fact by the name, style and title of the trustees of the Second Baptist Church and Congregation in Philadelphia, and shall have all the rights and powers incident by law to a corporation.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the estate and property now held, and which shall hereafter be acquired by the said church, shall be vested in the said trustees and their successors who shall by the name and title aforesaid, be able and capable in law to purchase, receive, take and hold for the use and benefit of the church and congregation aforesaid, any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, and any sum or sums of money, goods, and chattels by the gift, alienation, devise or bequest of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same: Provided, that the clear yearly value of the real estate of the said corporation, and interest of its monies shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the following articles shall be fundamental laws of the said corporation. First, the election of trustees, four of whom shall be members of the church, and three of the congregation, shall be held annually on the first Monday in April, between the hours of two and five in the afternoon. Second, in case of a vacancy occasioned by death or otherwise of any of the trustees, elections shall be held to fill such vacancies, and public notice given from the pulpit of the time of such elections, notifying to the church and congregation to attend for that purpose. Third, that committees from time to time shall be appointed belonging to both church and congregation, to transact all business relative to the temporal concerns of the church.

Fourth, that the church shall have the sole right to the government thereof in all spiritual concerns, and to the nomination of a minister or pastor; but after such nomination by the church shall have taken place, the congregation shall be called together and have a joint vote with the church in the call of a pastor. Fifth, that by the congregation is understood all unbaptized persons who pay towards the support of divine worship, or are paid for, provided they have attained the age of twenty years. Sixth, that if a minister or pastor shall deviate either in principle or practice from the church, it shall remain with the church only to dismiss him from his office. Seventh, an account current of the receipts and disbursements of said church shall be laid before the board of trustees the first Monday in March in every year.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCLXXXIX.

AN ACT VESTING A TITLE TO SIXTY ACRES OF LAND IN SOMERSET TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, IN CERTAIN TRUSTEES AND THEIR SUCCESSORS, FOR THE BENEFIT OF A CONGREGATION COMPOSED OF PRESBYTERIANS AND LUTHERANS.

Whereas it has, by petition, been represented to the legislature, by some of the members of a congregation composed of Presbyterians and Lutherans, that said congregation have erected a school house on a tract of land containing about sixty acres, situate in Somerset township, in Somerset county, which tract is the property of this commonwealth, and the congregation but few in number, they therefore have prayed the legislature to vest a title in certain trustees and their successors, for the benefit of the said congregation, in enabling them to promote piety and diffuse useful learning: And whereas it is just and consistent with a generous policy, which ought to be pursued in Republican Governments, to aid their less wealthy citizens in establishing useful institutions: Therefore,