

1802.—Chapter 46.

[January Session, ch. 8.]

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES ON THE PEWS IN THE MEETING-HOUSE OF THE FIRST PARISH IN THE TOWN OF BIDDEFORD, FOR THE REPAIRS OF SAID HOUSE; AND ALSO FOR MAKING SALE OF THE VACANT SPACES FOR PEWS IN SAID HOUSE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

SEC. 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Assessors of the first parish in Biddeford for the time being, who shall be duly sworn to the faithful discharge of their trust, and they are hereby empowered to assess the several pews which are now, or which may be hereafter added in the meeting-house of the said first parish, and their several parts & proportions, according to the just value the said Assessors shall set the said pews at, of all such sums of money as the said parish shall vote to raise, and appropriate for the payment of the labour and materials that have been expended in repairing the said house since the first day of January, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred; and also for such further sums as the said parish shall vote, necessary to complete the repairs already commenced, after having expended what money they shall have raised from the sales of the spaces for the new ones aforesaid. And in case, at any future period, the said house shall want repairs, the Assessors aforesaid may assess all the pews in manner aforesaid, such sums of money, for the repairs thereof, as the said parish shall vote to be raised for that purpose; and the assessments thus made, shall be committed to the Collector of the parish, with directions to collect and pay the same to the Treasurer of the parish, in ninety days after said assessment shall be committed to him.

SEC. 2D. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the freeholders of the said parish, at any parish meeting, duly warned for the purpose, to sell, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, any or all the vacant spaces for pews in the said meeting-house; and the monies, so raised upon the sales thereof, shall be paid into the Treasury of said parish for the purpose of repairing the said house, and incidental charges of sales.

Pews may be taxed to defray the expences of repairing the meeting house.

The vacant spaces for pews to be sold.

SEC. 3D. *And be it further enacted*, That the parish Treasurer shall keep an account, separate and distinct from other parish money, of the sums thus received, and the manner in which they are expended; and shall have the same power to enforce the payment of the sums from the said Collector as is by law provided for collecting other parish taxes.

A distinct account to be kept.

SEC. 4TH. *And be it further enacted*, That if the owner or proprietor of a pew shall refuse or neglect to pay the sum assessed thereon, as aforesaid, for the space of thirty days after notice of the assessment shall have been posted up on the door of the said house, and at one other public place in each parish in the said town, it shall be lawful for the said Collector to sell said pew at public vendue, to the highest bidder, first giving fifteen days notice of the time and place of sale, by posting up notifications thereof at the said meeting-house door, & at one other public place in each parish in the said town; and the overplus sum, besides the taxes and necessary charges of notifying and selling, he shall pay over to the former owner or proprietor, if known & residing in the said town, in ten days after the sale; but if the proprietor be unknown, or a nonresident of said town, he may, within ten days next after the sale, pay over the overplus to the parish Treasurer, for the use of the former proprietor of the pew.

Pews of delinquents to be sold.

SEC. 5TH. *And be it further enacted*, That the mode of transferring pews sold by the Collector for the non-payment of taxes, as aforesaid, shall be by deed, under hand and seal, and acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace, and a record of the same deed thus made, in the records of the parish, by the Clerk thereof, within six months after passing the same, or a copy thereof, certified by the Clerk of the said parish, shall be evidence of the transfer as well as of the original thus recorded. *Provided always*, that if the former proprietor of a pew thus sold or transferred, shall, within one year from the time of sale at vendue as aforesaid, tender and pay to the purchaser, or to his assignee in case of assignment, the true sum said pew sold for, with an addition of twelve per cent, it shall be the duty of the purchaser or assignee to reconvey the same, and upon his refusing thus to do, said proprietor may have the like remedy for obtaining the title & possession of the same pew, as mortgagors of real-estate now have in the Courts of this Commonwealth.

Transfer of pews sold for payment of taxes.

Pews may be redeemed.

And the mode of selling the vacant spaces for pews in the said meeting house, shall be by vote by the parish, in any parish meeting duly warned for the purpose, and a record thereof made by the Clerk, shall be full evidence of the sale. And it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the said parish, upon payment of thirty-three Cents, to record, at large, in the said parish books, any deed of a pew in the said meeting-house, which may be brought to him for that purpose, and to note and certify thereon, as well as in the records, the time when the deed was received for that purpose.

Deeds of pews
to be recorded.

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS AS TRUSTEES OF A FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF A CONGREGATIONAL GOSPEL MINISTER, IN THE SOUTH PARISH IN BRIDGWATER IN THE COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH.

Preamble.

Whereas there are in the Treasury of the south parish in Bridgewater monies and securities amounting nearly to one thousand dollars, which the parish have appropriated as a fund for the support of a congregational gospel minister in said parish, and have petitioned the Legislature for an Act to incorporate certain persons for the due management thereof.

Trustees appointed.

SEC. 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that Eliphalet Cary, Samuel Shaw, Joshua Alden, Thomas Washburn and Jason Dyer be, and hereby are appointed Trustees to manage such funds as are or shall be raised, and appropriated to the use aforesaid, and for that purpose they and their successors are hereby incorporated into a body corporate and politic forever, by the name of The Trustees of the Funds for the support of a Congregational Gospel Minister in the south parish in Bridgewater, shall have a common seal, subject to be altered at pleasure, may sue and be sued, and may prosecute and defend the same to final judgment and execution.*

Corporate name.

Trustees to receive monies, securities, &c.

SEC. 2D. *Be it further enacted, That said Trustees be, and hereby are vested with full power to receive into their hands all monies & securities for money already raised, and all monies, subscriptions, donations and securities for*