

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that William Wedgery esquire, be & he is hereby impowered & requested to issue his warrant directed to some suitable inhabitant of the said Buckfield, requiring him to warn the inhabitants thereof to meet at some convenient time & place to choose all such officers as Towns are by Law required to choose in the month of March, or April, annually.

Approved March 16, 1793.

1792. — Chapter 61.

[January Session, ch. 32.]

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING AN ACADEMY IN THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH BY THE NAME OF THE PLYMOUTH ACADEMY.

Preamble.

Whereas a suitable number of Academies within this Commonwealth will be of common benefit, and it appears that Thomas Davis esqr. and others have subscribed a sum of money for the purpose of erecting and supporting an Academy in the town of Plymouth in the County of Plymouth; to effect which generous design more fully it is necessary to establish a body politic:

Persons incorporated.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that Thomas Davis, George Watson, William Davis, Samuel Jackson, Barnabas Hedge, jun., Thomas Jackson, William Crombie, Joshua Thomas, Isaac Lothrop, James Thacher, Samuel Jackson Jun., John Davis, Samuel Davis, Nathaniel Goodwin, Josiah Cotton, Andrew Crosswell, Thomas Withrell, John Bishop, Thomas Nicolson, Joseph Thomas, Thomas Jackson jun., Rosseter Cotton, William Goodwin, William Hall Jackson, Robert Brown, Abraham Hammatt, William Jackson, Sylvanus Bartlett, Nathaniel Lewis, Joseph Crosswell, Isaac Le Barron, Isaac Harlow, Daniel Diman, Nathaniel Spooner & James Prince with all others who shall become benefactors to the Academy by this Act instituted, by any gift or donation which shall be accepted by the Trustees for the time being, & also the Preceptor of said Academy by virtue of his office, are, & shall be hereby established & made a body politic & corporate by the name of the Trustees of the Plimouth Academy; and they & the Survivors of them & their Successors to be appointed as hereinafter is provided, shall be & continue a body politic & corporate by the same name forever, &

Name of the Corporation.

by that name the said Corporation may sue & shall be liable to be sued, & shall have power by their officers, agents or attornies, to prosecute & defend in all actions real, personal & mixed, until final judgment, execution & satisfaction: — And the said Corporation shall have & use a common seal, which they may break, alter, & renew at their pleasure; *Provided*, that when any person shall decline to serve as a Trustee & such resignation shall be recorded by the said Corporation, his place shall be deemed vacant.

—empowered.

Common Seal.

Proviso.

And be it further Enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the Trustees of said Academy in their said capacity are, & shall be capable in Law to take & receive by gift, grant, bargain, devise or otherwise, lands, tenements or other estate real & personal, & whereof the annual income shall not exceed the sum of three thousand Dollars in Silver, to have & to hold the same for the sole trust & purpose of supporting an Academy in said town of Plimouth, for the promotion of Piety, Religion & Morality & for the Education of Youth in the liberal arts & sciences & all other useful learning, according to the requisition of any gift or bequest which shall be made to the said Corporation, or as the Trustees for the time being shall & may direct & ordain; And the said Corporation shall have full power & authority to lease & manage their lands, tenements & all other estate, & to bargain, sell & dispose thereof, where they shall not be restrained by the terms of any gift or devise: *Provided*, that for the sale of any real estate the property of said Corporation, the concurrence of two thirds of all the Trustees for the time being, shall be requisite: And all Deeds or Contracts sealed with the common seal of the said Corporation & signed by any officer thereof, or any Trustee pursuant to their order, shall be valid & effectual in Law to all intents.

Trustees empowered to hold estates,

and make appropriations.

Proviso.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Corporation shall have power by standing rules or otherwise, to determine the times & places of meeting, the manner of notifying the Trustees & the methods of proceeding thereat; also to elect such officers of the said Corporation as they shall judge necessary, & to appoint & provide a Preceptor of the said Academy with all needful assistants, & to determine the powers, duties & salaries of their respective officers; — to ascertain the qualifications & terms of admission of all Stu-

Corporation to appoint meetings, elect officers, &c.

dents which shall be received at the said Academy, & to make & ordain all other reasonable rules, orders & by-laws with Penalties or without, & not repugnant to the Laws of this Commonwealth, as well for the good government of the said Corporation, as for the better regulation of the said Academy, & all such rules orders & by-laws to alter or repeal.

Trustees
authorized to
fill vacancies.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that whenever the number of the Trustees of the said Academy shall be less than fifteen, the Trustees for the time being shall have power, & it shall be their duty to nominate, elect & appoint other suitable persons as Trustees, until that number shall be complete.

Corporation to
be subject to
examination by
the Legislature.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Legislature of this Commonwealth may from time to time, when & in such manner as shall be thought fit, enquire into the doings of the said corporation & their performance of the Trusts aforesaid; & upon any breach thereof or other sufficient cause to the said Legislature upon due notice to the said Corporation & a full hearing thereupon, sufficiently appearing, may annul the grant & authorities hereby made, or such part thereof as the said Legislature shall thereupon determine: *Provided*, that all & singular the estates of the said Corporation shall thereupon revert to the Donors thereof, or according to any limitation in any grant or donation made.

Proviso.

Ephraim
Spooner Esq. to
issue warrant.

And be it further Enacted, that Ephraim Spooner Esqr. be & hereby is authorized to fix the time & place for holding the first meeting of the Trustees & to notify them thereof.

Approved March 19, 1793.

1792. — Chapter 62.

[January Session, ch. 33.]

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FISH CALLED ALEWIVES IN TAUNTON GREAT RIVER SO CALLED IN THE COUNTY OF BRISTOL AND ALSO TO REGULATE THE CATCHING THE SAID FISH THEREIN FOR THE FUTURE.

Preamble.

Whereas the Law made for regulating the Alewife fishery in Taunton Great River (so called) in the County of Bristol is found to operate unequally upon and to the disadvantage of the several Towns situated on said River and has not answered the salutary purpose of preserving and increasing the said Fish as intended; —