

Be it enacted by the Senate, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same; that the aforesaid Thomas Neil, Robert Getty, and Robert Holt taking and subscribing the oath of Allegiance to this Commonwealth, and the oath to support the constitution of the United States, before two Justices of the peace, quorum unus, shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be free citizens of this Commonwealth, and intitled to all the priviledges, and immunities of Citizens.

Oath recorded.

An[d] be it further enacted, that the justices before whom the said Thomas Neil, Robert Getty, and Robert Holt shall take and subscribe the said oaths, shall return a Certificate of the same into the Secretary's office, that it may be there recorded. Approved June 24, 1794.

1794. — Chapter 11.

[May Session, ch. 10.]

AN ACT, IN ADDITION TO, AND FOR THE AMENDMENT OF AN ACT MADE AND PASSED IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE; ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE PROPRIETORS OF THE HOUSE ERECTED FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD, CALLED THE TABERNACLE, IN SALEM; WHERE THE REVEREND NATHANIEL WHITAKER NOW OFFICIATES."

Preamble.

Whereas it is in and by said Act, among other things, enacted, "that the said proprietors, or major part of them in concurrence with the Church Meeting in said House, are hereby authorized to do and transact all matters relative to the ordering and directing said propriety, agreeable to the Laws and Constitution of this Commonwealth, and all transactions shall be legal and valid to all intents and purposes;" which clause requiring the concurrence of said church-meeting to the doings and transactions of said propriety, is unusual and is attended with many inconveniences and disadvantages to said proprietors, and they having petitioned this Court for an alteration thereof:

Proprietors empowered.

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that the said proprietors of said House and Land mentioned in said Act, or the major part of them at any legal Meeting, be, and hereby are authorized and empowered to do and transact all matters and things relative to the ordering and directing of said propriety, without the concurrence of said Church, in as full

and an ample a manner to all intents and purposes, as in and by said Act, or by Law, they may or can do with the Concurrence of said Church; and that all the Votes and Orders heretofore made and passed by said Proprietors, and all the doings and transactions in consequence of such Votes and Orders, are hereby confirmed and made valid to all intents and purposes, notwithstanding they may not have had the Concurrence of said Church.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Moderator of any legal Meeting of said proprietors, duly chosen, is hereby authorized to administer all such Oaths, and to swear all such Officers as shall be chosen by said Proprietors at such meeting, for which he shall be chosen Moderator, and of whom an Oath by Law is required, in such manner as Justices of the Peace are by Law authorized to administer Oaths; which swearing shall be as valid in law as though the same were administered by some Justice of the Peace in the same County.

Moderator to administer oaths.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all the Rights Priviledges, Powers and Immunities, which are in and by said Act, granted to said proprietors, shall be and are hereby confirmed unto them and their Successors forever; excepting only such part thereof as this Act expressly directs and orders to be otherwise, relative to the Concurrence of said Church.

Confirmation.

Approved June 24, 1794.

1794. — Chapter 12.

[May Session, ch. 16.]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COLLEGE IN THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK IN THE DISTRICT OF MAINE WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same, that there be erected and established in the Town of Brunswick in the District of Maine, a College for the purpose of educating Youth, to be called and known by the name of Bowdoin College, to be under the Government and regulation of two certain bodies, politic and corporate, as hereafter in this Act is provided.

College established.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Revd. Thomas Brown, Revd. Samuel Dean D.D. John Frothingham Esqr. Revd. Daniel Little Revd.

Persons incorporated as Trustees.