

Society twenty days at least, previous to the annual meeting of each of the said Societies, and shall pay his or her proportion, of all monies assessed in the Society, previous thereto, such person shall thereafter, with his or her Polls and Estate, be considered, as a member of the Society, with which he or she has so united.

Part of former act repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, that so much of the aforesaid Act, passed the twenty fourth day of June One thousand seven hundred and Ninety, as is inconsistent with the intention of the present Act, and as far as concerns the town of New Gloucester, be and the same is hereby repealed.

First meeting.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, that Isaac Parsons Esquire or any other Justice of the Peace in the County of Cumberland, be and hereby is authorised to issue a warrant directed to some member of the said Society, requiring him to notify and warn the members of the said Baptist Society in New Gloucester, to meet at such convenient time and place, as shall be expressed in the said Warrant, to choose all such Officers as Parishes are by Law entitled to choose, in the month of March or April annually.

Approved March 8, 1803.

1802. — Chapter 131.

[January Session, ch. 93.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE AN ACADEMY IN THE TOWN OF BLUEHILL, BY THE NAME OF BLUEHILL ACADEMY.

Preamble.

Whereas the encouragement of literature in the rising generation, has ever been considered by the wise and good, as an object worthy of the most serious attention, as the safety & happiness of a free people, ultimately depend upon the advantages arising from a pious, virtuous, & liberal education.

Whereas it appears that John Peters Esqr. & several other Gentlemen, residing chiefly in the town of Bluehill have subscribed to build & support an Academy for the term of ten Years from the time of incorporation.

SEC. 1. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the authority of the same*, That there be, and hereby is established in the town of Bluehill, in the County of Hancock, an Academy by the name of Bluehill Academy, for the purpose of promoting true piety & virtue, & for the Edu-

Academy to be established.

cation of Youth in such liberal Arts, Sciences & Languages as opportunity may permit, and the Trustees herein after provided shall direct.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That David Cobb, John Peters, David Thurston, Jonathan Buck & Thomas Cobb Esqrs. Reverend Jonathan Fisher, Reverend William Mason, Reverend Jonathan Powers, Messrs. Robert Parker, Theodore Stevens, Donald Ross, & John Peters Junr., be, and they hereby are, nominated and appointed Trustees of the said Academy; and they are hereby incorporated into a body politic by the name of The Trustees of Bluehill Academy, and they and their successors shall be & continue a body politic & corporate, by the same name forever.

Trustees.

Corporate name.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees and their Successors, shall have one common Seal, which they may make use of, in any cause or business that relates to the said office of Trustees of said Academy, & they shall have power & authority to break, change & renew the said Seal, from time to time as they shall see fit, and they may sue and be sued in all Actions real, personal & mixed, and prosecute & defend the same unto final Judgment & execution, by the name of The Trustees of Bluehill Academy.

Trustees to have a common seal.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, that the said David Cobb, & others the Trustees aforesaid, and their successors be the true & sole Visitors, Trustees & Governors of the said Academy in perpetual Succession forever, to be continued in the manner hereafter specified, with full power & authority to Elect such Officers of said Academy as they shall judge necessary and convenient, and to make and Ordain such Laws, Orders & rules, for the good Government of said Academy, as to them the said Trustees & their Successors, shall from time to time seem fit & requisite; *Provided notwithstanding*, that the said rules, Laws & Orders, be no way contrary to the Laws of this Commonwealth.

Trustees to elect officers of the academy.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the number of Trustees aforesaid & their successors shall not at any one time be more than Thirteen, nor less than seven, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for transacting business, and a major part of the members present at any legal meeting shall decide all questions that shall come before them.

Number of trustees.

And to perpetuate the Succession of the said Trustees —

Trustees to fill vacancies.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That as often as one or more of the Trustees of the said Bluehill Academy shall die or resign, or in the judgment of the major part of the other Trustees be rendered by age or otherwise incapable of discharging the duties of said Office, then & so often, the Trustees then surviving & remaining, shall elect one or more persons to supply the vacancy or vacancies.

Trustees may receive & hold property.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the Trustees aforesaid, and their successors, be, & hereby are rendered capable in Law, to take & receive by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, any lands, tenements, or other estate real and personal—*Provided*, that the annual income of the said real estate shall not exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, and the annual income of the personal estate shall not exceed the sum of Three Thousand Dollars. To have and to hold the same to the said Trustees & their Successors, on such terms, & under such provisions & limitations as may be expressed in any deed or instrument of conveyance to them made, and all deeds & instruments which the said Trustees may lawfully make, shall when made in the name of the said Trustees, & signed & delivered by the Treasurer, and sealed with the Common Seal, bind the said Trustees & their Successors, and be valid in Law.

First meeting.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That John Peters Esquire, one of the Trustees aforesaid, be, and he hereby is authorised and empowered to appoint the time and place for holding the first meeting of said Trustees, and notify them thereof. *Approved March 8, 1803.*

1802. — Chapter 132.

[January Session, ch. 94.]

AN ACT DIRECTING THE RETURN OF STATEMENTS TWICE EVERY YEAR, FROM THE SEVERAL BANKS INCORPORATED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND THE COUNCIL.

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 be the duty of the Directors of the several Banks incorporated by the Legislature of this Commonwealth, excepting the Maine Bank, to make, on the first Mondays of January and June every year, and to transmit as soon thereafter as may be, to His

Semi-annual statements to be made.