

first mentioned bounds. And the said town is hereby vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which other towns within this Commonwealth, do or may by law enjoy.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That any Justice of the Peace within the county of Kennebeck, may, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to issue his warrant, directed to some suitable inhabitant of the said town of Malta, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants thereof qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at such time and place as shall be expressed in said warrant, to choose all such officers as towns are by law required to choose in the month of March or April annually.

Justice to issue his warrant.

[This act passed *March 3, 1809.*]

CHAP. LXXVII.

An act to incorporate a society by the name of the Maine Missionary Society.

SECT. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That the Rev. Tristram Gilman, Ezekiel Emerson, Jonathan Scott, Jotham Sewall, Kiah Baily, Eliphalet Gillet, Jonathan Ward, William Jenks, Jonathan Fisher, Mighill Blood, David Thurston, Amasa Smith, and John Dutton; Deacon Asa Chase, General Henry Sewall, Hon. Mark L. Hill, Hon. Ammi R. Mitchell, William Webb, Samuel Wood, Jacob Mitchell, and Nathaniel Coffin, Esqs. with their associates, and such as may hereafter unite with them, for the purposes of extending the knowledge of God our Saviour, by sending the glorious gospel, to those who are destitute of the publick and stated means of religious instruction, be, and they are hereby incorporated, and made a body politic, and corporate, for the purposes aforesaid, by the name of The Maine Missionary Society, to continue and exist for the term of twenty years from the passing of this act, and that name may sue, and be sued, plead and be impleaded, appear, prosecute, and defend to final judgment and execution, and may have a common seal, which they may break, change, alter, or renew at pleasure.

Persons incorporated.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said corporation, are hereby made capable of taking and holding real estate, of any kind in fee simple, or other estate, not exceeding the

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the annual income of fifteen thousand dollars, and of taking and holding personal estate by donation, bequest, or otherwise, not exceeding the annual income of ten thousand dollars, the annual income of all which real and personal estate be applied to the purpose of diffusing christian knowledge, in such manner as the corporation shall judge will be most conducive to the design of their institution. *Provided*, that all the missionary teachers, who may be employed by said Corporation, shall be of the protestant religion, and of reputed piety, prudence and learning.

Proprietors to hold estate.

Proviso.

Choice of officers.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the said corporation may annually choose by ballot a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such number of Trustees as they may think proper, not less than nine, and such other officers as they shall judge necessary, all of which officers, when chosen may hold their offices until others are chosen in their stead; and in case of death, or resignation of either of said officers, said corporation shall have a right in like manner, at any meeting regularly called for the purpose, to choose others to fill any vacancies which may so happen: *Provided, however*, that the officers which have been already chosen by the persons aforesaid, and their associates, shall continue to hold the offices, to which they have been respectively elected, until said corporation shall choose others in their stead, agreeably to the directions in this act.

Proviso.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation be, and hereby is authorized at their first meeting to be held under this act, by vote of the majority of the members present at said meeting, to make and establish such rules, regulations, and bye-laws, for their government, subject to such revision, alterations, or additions, to be made at any regular subsequent meeting, as said society shall judge necessary for the well ordering of the affairs of said corporation, and will best promote the design of their institution; and may annex reasonable penalties to the breach of such rules, regulations, and bye-laws, *Provided*, the same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That particular accounts of the funds, donations, and disposal thereof, shall be exhibited by the Treasurer, or in case of his absence by the Secretary, at the stated annual meeting of said society, a committee of said society having first examined and certified the same to be true and fair entries shall be made in books to be provided for that purpose, of all donations made

Treasurer to make report.

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to the said society, and of all the real and personal estate belonging to the same, and the said books shall be brought to the general stated annual meetings, and be there open for the perusal and examination of the members.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the Rev. Eliphalet Gillet, be, and he is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation by publishing a notification of the time and place where the same shall be held, in the Portland Gazette, printed in Portland, fourteen days at least, previous to such meeting.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the legislature of this Commonwealth, shall at any time have the right, by a committee of their body to inspect the doings, funds, and proceedings of said corporation, and for that purpose shall have access to all books, and papers of said corporation, and shall also have power to dissolve said corporation at their will and pleasure.

(This act passed *March 3, 1809.*)

CHAP. LXXVIII.

An act in addition to an act passed in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, entitled "An act for the preservation and regulating the taking the fish called Alewives in the brook running from West Quiticus pond, to the east Quiticus pond, near the line between the towns of Middleborough and Rochester, in the county of Plymouth."

SECT. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That from and after the passing this act, the agents appointed by the town of Middleborough and the town of Rochester in pursuance of the act to which this is in addition, are respectively authorized to sell the right of taking said fish in said brook on every day in the week, Sundays only excepted, and the purchaser or purchasers, shall have the same right to take said fish, on each and every day in the week, Sundays excepted, as purchasers had under said act, to take them on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; and shall also be holden by all the restrictions and regulations provided in said act.

Agents authorized to sell the right of taking fish.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person living without the limits of the county of Plymouth shall of-