

forever, so much real estate as shall be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, not exceeding five thousand dollars.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted,* That each proprietor shall have a right to vote in proprietary meetings according to his interest, either in person or by legal representation. Right of voting.

[This act passed June 21, 1811.]

CHAP. XIX.

An Act to establish The Independent Christian Baptist Society in the town of Wells, in the county of York.

SEC. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Elisha Hatch, Samuel Miledram, Joshua Clark, Theodore Littlefield, Moses W. Day, William Hobbs, Solomon Clark, Ebenezer Day, jun. Joseph Goodwin, Samuel Chaney, Daniel Sparkley, Alexander Cooper, Moses Cooper, Joshua Nason, John Cooper, Nathaniel Littlefield 3d. Benjamin Cooper, William Warrin, John Warrin, William Warrin jun. Nathaniel Grant, Richard Hodsdon, James Grant, Thomas Grant, Daniel Grant, Joseph Shorey, James Goodwin, John Wilkinson, John Plaisted, George Plaisted, Nathaniel Joy, Benjamin Hearl, William Hodsdon, Benjamin Hodsdon, James Grant jun. Benjamin Pearce, Amos Nason, Ebenezer Wadley, John Kimball, Benjamin Kimball, Solomon Stevens jun. William Boston, Abraham Goodall, David Merrifield, Abram Boston, Abner Goodall, Nathaniel Littlefield, Asa Stuart, Warwick Hobbs, Samuel Shadburn, Asa Littlefield, Daniel Maxwell, Solomon Hatch, Joseph Goodwin jun. Benjamin Larrabee, Nathaniel Hatch, Jedediah Gooch jun. and Joseph Hobbs, jun. with their polls and estates, be, and they hereby are incorporated by the name of The Independent Christian Baptist Society, in the town of Wells, with all the privileges powers and immunities, which parishes in this Commonwealth by law enjoy. Persons incorporated.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any person in the towns of Wells or Berwick, who may at any time

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hereafter actually become a member of, and unite in religious worship with said Baptist society, and give in his or her name to the clerk of the parish, to which he or she did heretofore belong, with a certificate signed by the minister or clerk of said society, that he or she hath actually become a member of, and united in religious worship with said Baptist society, fourteen days previous to the parish meeting therein to be held in the month of March or April annually, shall from and after giving such certificate, with his or her polls and estate, be considered as a member of said society. *Provided however,* That such person shall be held to pay his or her proportion of all monies assessed or voted, in the parish to which he or she belonged, previous to that time.

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leaving.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That when any member of said society shall see cause to leave the same, and unite in religious worship with any religious society in the town or parish in which he or she may live, and shall give in his or her name to the clerk of said Baptist society, signed by the minister or clerk of the parish, or other incorporate society, with which he or she may unite, that he or she hath actually become a member of, and united in religious worship with such other parish or incorporated religious society, fourteen days previous to their annual meeting in March or April, and shall pay his or her proportion of all monies voted in said society to be raised previous thereto, shall from and after giving such certificate with his or her polls and estate, be considered as a member of the society to which he or she may so unite.

Warrant to
be issued.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That any justice of the Peace in the town of Wells, be, and he hereby is authorised and empowered to issue his warrant directed to some suitable member of said society, to meet at such time and place as he shall appoint in said warrant, to choose all such officers as parishes in this Commonwealth are by law entitled to choose in the month of March or April annually.

[This act passed June 21, 1811.]