

and be sued, to establish by-laws not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, to choose a President and such other officers, as may be deemed expedient, and to take and hold any real or personal estate, by gift, grant, purchase, or otherwise, and the same to alien or convey, provided the annual income thereof shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

Election of officers.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the members of said Society shall have power to elect annually seven Trustees, who shall be practising physicians in this Commonwealth, and the Board of Trustees shall have the sole management and controul of all the permanent funds of said society, but the annual income thereof shall be disposed of in such manner as the Society shall direct.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the persons named in this act, or any three of them, shall have power to call the first meeting of said society, at such time and in such manner as they may think proper.

[Approved by the Governor, June 13th, 1823.]

CHAP. XIX.

An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund of the first Parish in Longmeadow.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That David Booth, Calvin Burt, William White, Ethan Ely, and Alexander Field, all inhabitants of the first parish in Longmeadow, be and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund in the First Parish in Longmeadow; and by that name shall have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued. plead and be impleaded, may have a common seal, and shall possess and enjoy such other

Persons incorporated.

powers and privileges as are incident to corporations of a like nature.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees shall have power to take and receive into their hands and possession the whole of the funds at present belonging to said parish, and to sell the ministry lands or any part thereof, belonging to said parish, at such time, and in such manner as the inhabitants of said parish shall authorize and direct, and to make and execute deeds thereof to the purchasers, and may receive and hold such further subscriptions, donations, grants, bequests and devises, as may hereafter be made to them, or the inhabitants of said parish; the interest of which fund shall be forever appropriated annually towards the support of such Congregational Minister as shall or may from time to time be ordained over the Church and Society in said first parish: *Provided, however*, the annual income of said fund shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars: *And provided also*, that if the income of said fund shall at any time exceed the amount of the annual salary of the Minister, the surplus may be appropriated under a vote of the parish to the promotion and encouragement of Church music and other parochial expenses.

Power to receive funds.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Inhabitants of said Parish at any legal meeting to be called for that purpose within one year from the passing of this act, may increase the number of Trustees, by electing by ballot, an additional number, not exceeding two, to those named in this act. And if the said inhabitants shall neglect to make such election, the Trustees herein named, are hereby authorized, if they see fit, to choose an additional number of Trustees, so that the whole number shall never exceed seven; and in all cases the attendance of a majority of the Board of Trustees shall be requisite for the transaction of business.

Number of Trustees.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever any vacancy shall happen among said Trustees, by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the said parish at any legal meeting called for that purpose, may fill up the vacancy, but if the parish shall neglect to fill up any such vacancy for the space of three months after it

Vacancies, how filled.

shall happen, the said Trustees are authorized to elect some suitable inhabitant of said parish, to fill up the vacancy in their board.

Officers.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees shall appoint a clerk who shall be under oath faithfully to record all the votes and transactions of the Board, and a Treasurer, who shall give bond to the Trustees and their successors, with sufficient surety with condition to do and perform all the duties incumbent on him as Treasurer; which officers shall hold their respective offices until others shall be chosen to succeed them.

Trustees liable.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the records and proceedings of the Trustees shall at all times be open to the inspection of any committee, that may be appointed for that purpose on behalf of the parish, and the Trustees shall, whenever called upon by vote of the parish, make a report of the state of the fund. And if the said Trustees or either of them shall suffer the said fund to be impaired or diminished through their personal misconduct or misapplication, they shall be severally responsible to the parish to make good such loss out of their private estate.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That David Booth be, and he hereby is authorized to call the first meeting of the Trustees.

[Approved by the Governor, June 14th, 1823.]

CHAP. XX.

An Act for annexing a Gore of land therein described, with Abel Wesson and John Wesson, living on the premises, to the town of Grafton.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Abel Wesson and John