

CHAP. VI.

An Act to incorporate the Barton Point Association.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That John Bryant, William Sturgis, Samuel Whitwell, Jun. George Bond, Benjamin Seaver, and their associates, successors and assigns, be and they hereby are constituted a body politic, and associate, by the name of the Barton Point Association; and the said Corporation, by that name, is hereby declared and made capable to sue and be sued, to have a common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure; to make rules and by-laws for the regulation and management of the affairs of the said Corporation, consistent with the laws of this Commonwealth, and generally to do, execute, and perform all such acts, matters and things as belong and appertain by law to bodies politic.

Persons incorporated.

Powers granted.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the members of the said Corporation, at their first meeting, and afterwards, annually, on such day as shall be established by the by-laws, shall choose five Directors, one of whom shall be the President, who shall have the general direction and management of their affairs; a Clerk who shall be under oath; a Treasurer, and such other officers and agents as the Corporation shall deem necessary and expedient; and the officers so chosen, from time to time, shall hold their respective offices for one year, and until others shall be chosen in their stead.

Officers.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation be, and the same hereby is, declared and made capable to have, hold and possess in fee simple or otherwise, all that real estate now or lately belonging to the City of Boston, and known by the

Corporate property.

name of the 'Alms-House Estate,' and any other real estate not exceeding in value one hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of said Alms-House Estate, with all the rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging : *Provided*, the said Corporation shall acquire the same by legal grant from the lawful proprietors thereof. And the said Corporation shall have power to sell, grant or convey, in fee simple or otherwise, any real estate which may be owned by it, and may lease, manage or otherwise improve the same, or any part thereof, in such form and manner as the Directors or the major part of them, shall, at any legal meeting, order and direct; and all deeds and instruments, for the conveyance or leasing of real estate, sealed with the common seal, and signed by the President, by authority of the Directors, shall be binding on the said Corporation.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the property of said Corporation shall be divided into shares, numbered progressively from number one; and each member of the Corporation shall have a certificate signed by the President and Treasurer, with the corporate seal affixed thereto, containing the number of the share held and owned by him, which shares shall be deemed and considered as personal estate; shall be transferable by assignment on the back of the certificate, recorded by the Clerk of the Corporation, in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall be liable to attachment on mesne process, and sale on execution, in the manner and according to the form of the statutes making provision for the attachment and sale of shares of debtors in incorporated companies; and upon the surrender of any certificate, by the assignee of any share, to the Treasurer of the said Corporation, a new certificate shall be issued and delivered by him to such assignee.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the real estate and other property of the said Corporation, shall be liable to be attached on mesne process,

and to be set off or sold on execution, against the Corporation, in the same manner as the property or estate of individuals is by law subject to mesne or final process, and the said Corporation shall be entitled to redeem any estate set off or sold as aforesaid, upon the same terms, and in the same manner, as individuals are by law entitled to redeem the same.

May redeem estate.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation shall have power, from time to time, to assess on the stockholders, such sums of money, not exceeding in the whole three hundred dollars on each share, as may be deemed necessary for the purchase or improvement of any real estate, or the erection, alteration or repairing of any buildings, or for the incidental expenses of the Corporation. And in case any member shall refuse or neglect to pay any such assessment, at the time fixed for the payment thereof, the Directors shall cause so many of his shares to be sold by the Treasurer, at public auction, to the highest bidder, giving notice of the time and place of sale, by publication in two newspapers printed in Boston, at least three times in each paper, the first to be not less than ten days before the sale, as shall be sufficient to produce the amount assessed and unpaid, and after deducting such amount, and all the charges of sale and advertising, the surplus, if any, shall be paid over to the delinquent proprietor upon demand; and the purchasers of the shares, sold as aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive certificates therefor, in form aforesaid.

Corporation may assess members.

Refusing to pay, shares to be sold.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That in all meetings of the stockholders in the said Corporation, each member shall be entitled to one vote for each share held by him: *Provided*, That no member shall be allowed more votes than one third of the whole number of shares in the Corporation; and any member may appear and vote at any meeting by his proxy, appointed in writing.

Each share entitled to a vote.
Proviso.

May vote by proxy.

Either of pe-
tioners may
call meeting.

Contracts,
how binding.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That either of the persons named in the first section of this act, may call the first meeting of the said Corporation, by advertisement in any newspaper printed in Boston, three times, the first to be not less than ten days before the day appointed for such meeting; and the Corporation may at such, or any other meeting, agree on the mode of calling future meetings: *Provided, however*, That all contracts which shall be made by said Corporation, shall be binding on each one and all of those persons, individually, who shall be stockholders in said Corporation when such contracts respectively are made, and on their respective heirs, executors and administrators, in the same manner as if such contracts had been made by such stockholder or stockholders, in his, her or their individual capacity.

[Approved by the Governor, June 16, 1825.]

CHAP. VII.

An Act to incorporate the first Congregational Society in Southwick.

Persons in-
corporated.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That Saul Fowler, Matthew Laffin, William Palmer, Reuben Dibble, Doras Stiles, Horace Moore, Salmon Foote, Chester Palmer, Abiel Cushman, Philip N. French, Reuben W. Dibble, Alexander A. Pomeroy, Norman Adams, Ebenezer R. Webb, Joel Hough, John H. Rising, Charles Bingham, Solomon Smith, Truman Gillet, Phineas Stevens, Richard Mather, Uzal Rockwell, Horace Moore, jr., L. W. Humphreys, Enoch Hine, Theron Spring, Jesse Stevens, Josiah W. Stevens, Thaddeus Foote, Silas Granger, Jerry