

CHAP. LXVII.

An Act in addition to "An Act to incorporate the Second Religious Society in Waltham."

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said Religious Society shall be capable in law to purchase and hold any estate, real or personal, for the use of said Society, the annual income of which shall not exceed two thousand dollars; and the pews in their Meeting-house shall be deemed and taken as personal estate; and each proprietor of a pew shall have a certificate thereof, signed by the Clerk of the Society, to be recorded in a book for that purpose; and the mode of future transfers shall be determined by the by-laws of said Society.

May hold real and personal estate.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all sums of money necessary to be raised by said Society for the support of public worship, and other necessary expenses, over and above the sum of two hundred dollars, which the Agent of the Boston Manufacturing Company, on their behalf, has agreed to pay in lieu of Parish taxes, shall be assessed upon the pews in said Meeting-house, according to their respective values, so long as said Company shall pay said sum; and whenever the said Company shall cease to pay said sum, then said Society shall have power to raise the whole of said taxes, either upon the pews as aforesaid, or upon the polls and estates of the members of said Society, or part only of said taxes upon the polls and estates, and the residue upon the pews as aforesaid: *Provided,* that said Society may exempt from such assessment a ministerial pew, and any other pew or pews in said house which may not be occupied; and any assessment upon the pews as aforesaid may be collected in the manner provided by "An Act authorizing

Taxes, how assessed.

Proviso.

the proprietors of Churches, Meeting-houses, and other houses of public worship, to regulate and manage their property and interests therein."

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That at all meetings of said Society, so long as the taxes shall be assessed upon the pews as aforesaid, and no longer, the proprietors of said pews, and no others, shall be entitled to vote, and in such manner as shall be provided by the by-laws of said Society; but no person shall be entitled to more than double the number of votes to which the proprietor of one pew shall be entitled: *Provided, however*, that said Society may admit the occupants of pews not exempted from taxation to vote, in such manner as they shall by their by-laws determine; and said Society shall have authority to choose all such officers, and make all such by-laws as the good management of the affairs of the Corporation may require: *Provided*, the same be not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Proprietors of pews entitled to vote.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That all the provisions of the act to which this is in addition, excepting the two first sections thereof, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Repeal

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be subject to revision or repeal at the pleasure of the Legislature.

[Approved by the Governor, March 6, 1830.]