

CHAP. CXLI.

An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund of the Congregational Parish and Society in Canton.

Persons in-
corporated.

May sue and
be sued.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Elijah Crane, Simon Tucker, Thomas Dunbar, Isaac Fenno, and Charles Tucker, and their successors, be, and they are hereby made a Body Politic, and by the name of The Trustees of the Ministerial Fund of the Congregational Parish and Society in Canton; and by that name to remain a Corporation forever, capable and liable in law, to sue and be sued, in any action, real, personal, or mixed, and to prosecute and defend the same to final judgment and execution.

Appoint a
Treasurer.

Appoint a
Clerk, &c.

By-laws, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Trustees shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, who shall give bond to the inhabitants of the Congregational Parish aforesaid, for the faithful performance of his trust; and the said Trustees shall have power to appoint a Clerk, if they see fit, who shall be sworn, and all such other officers as may be necessary for the management of their affairs; and to make, adopt, and execute, all reasonable by-laws and regulations, for the government of said Corporation, not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Power to
hold, &c.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Trustees shall have full power to receive and hold the William Wheeler donation to said parish, and such other funds as may be placed in their hands and possession by the said parish, arising from the sale of pews in the church recently erected by said parish, and all gifts, grants, donations or subscriptions, real or personal, that may hereafter be made for a

ministerial fund, or other parochial uses, and the same to manage, and to apply the income thereof to the support of a Congregational minister in said parish, and to such other parochial purposes as may be conformable to the intention and direction of the grantor or donor: *Provided however*, that the annual income of said funds shall never exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the number of said Trustees shall never be less than three, or more than five, and they shall be annually elected by the inhabitants of the said Congregational Parish, at their meeting in March or April, and if the said parish shall neglect or refuse so to do, the said Trustees shall continue in office until others are elected and appointed in their stead; and no person shall be a Trustee unless he be a member of the Congregational Parish and Society aforesaid; and whenever any vacancy shall happen in said board of Trustees, by death, resignation, or removal, the said parish, at any meeting legally warned for that purpose, may fill said vacancy; and if the said parish neglect to fill said vacancy within one year after it shall happen, then the said Trustees, by a major vote, shall have power to fill such vacancy.

Number of
Trustees.Vacancies,
how filled.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees shall keep a fair record of their proceedings, which shall be open to the inspection and examination of any committee appointed by the Congregational Parish aforesaid, and the aforesaid Trustees shall annually exhibit to said parish a correct statement of the funds in their possession, and of the expenditure of the income thereof, and they shall be liable individually in damages to said Parish, for any waste or misapplication of said funds.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all deeds and instruments requiring a seal, which the said Trustees shall have lawfully determined to make, shall be sealed with their seal, and, being signed and acknowledged by the Treasurer of said Corporation,

Have a seal.

shall bind the said Trustees and their successors, and be valid in law.

First meet-
ing.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That Thomas Tolman, Esquire, be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to issue his warrant, directed to some one of the Trustees named in this act, requiring him to notify the first meeting of said Corporation, to organize the same by the establishment of by-laws, and the appointment of its officers; and all meetings of said Corporation, after the first, shall be called in such way and manner as the said Trustees shall direct.

[Approved by the Lt. Governor, February 26, 1825.]

CHAP. CXLII.

An Act in addition to an act to incorporate the President, Directors, and Company of the Mendon Bank.

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 act to incorporate the President, Directors, and Company of the Mendon Bank, shall have full force and effect, if the same be put in operation, in the manner therein prescribed, within sixty days from the passing of this act.

Capital stock
shall not be
sold, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Capital Stock of said bank shall not be sold or transferred, but be holden by the original subscribers thereto, for and during the term of one year from the passing of this act.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That one half of the capital stock of said bank shall be paid in sixty days, one fourth part in six months, and the residue