

uty sheriff, coroner, constable, or deputy jailor, shall be liable to be sued in an action of debt, for any escape, voluntary or negligent, permitted or suffered, after the passing of this act.

[Approved by the Governor, March 19, 1833.]

CHAP. CXXXV.

An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Boston Farm School.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Samuel T. Armstrong, James Bowdoin, Moses Grant, Charles Jackson, Jonathan Phillips, John Tappan, George Ticknor, Joseph Tuckerman, and John D. Williams, with their associates, successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are made a corporation, by the name of the Proprietors of the Boston Farm School, with the powers, and subject to the requirements contained in an "act concerning corporations," passed March 3, A. D. 1833, for the education and reformation of boys, who, from the loss of their parents or other causes, are exposed to extraordinary temptations, and are in danger of becoming vicious and dangerous or useless members of society.

Persons incorpo-
rated.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said corporation may take and hold real and personal estate, not exceeding in the whole the value of one hundred thousand dollars.

Real and person-
al estate.

Members.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That every person who shall pay to the funds of the corporation the sum of fifty dollars in annual contributions within five years, may be admitted to be a member of the corporation; and every member shall be entitled to one vote for every fifty dollars so paid, or agreed to be paid: *provided,* that no member shall be entitled to more than ten votes.

May purchase a farm.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall be authorized to purchase a farm, at any place within ten miles of the city of Boston, on which their school shall be established.

Boys, how admitted.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That any boy above the age of seven years, who shall be deemed by the directors or other officers, appointed under the authority of this act, to be a fit subject for the said school, may be admitted thereto, by them, on the application of his father, or in case of his death or absence, of the mother or guardian of the boy; and the said officers are authorized to accept from such father, mother, or guardian, a surrender in writing of any such boy to the care and direction of the said corporation; and they may also take any other indigent boys residing in the city of Boston, who shall appear to them to be suitable objects of this charity, and who have no parents or guardians within this Commonwealth. All boys so taken and admitted into the school, shall be maintained, employed and educated therein, and shall be instructed in their moral and religious duties, and in the knowledge usually communicated in the common town schools. They shall also be employed in a regular course of labor, suited to their age and their strength, in which they shall be instructed in agriculture, gardening, or such useful occupations as will con-

Boys admitted, to be maintained, &c.

tribute to their present maintenance, and tend to form in them habits of industry and order, and to prepare them to earn their own livelihood.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the pupils of the said school, when of a suitable age, and sufficiently qualified, may be bound out as apprentices, until they shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty-one years, to farmers, or to other persons within this Commonwealth, to learn such arts, trades and employments, as, in the judgment of the said officers, may be best adapted to the capacity and disposition of each pupil, and may tend most to his future benefit and advantage; and the said officers shall have authority to bind out all the said pupils, in like manner, and with the same effect, as is now by law authorized to be done by overseers of the poor, with regard to the children of poor persons settled in their respective towns: *provided however,* that any boy received into the school, or bound out as aforesaid, who shall not have been surrendered, in the manner above provided, to the care and direction of the corporation, may be withdrawn by his parent, upon payment to the treasurer of the corporation, of the expense incurred in the maintenance and care of the child: *and provided further,* that nothing in this act contained shall prevent the said officers from dismissing any pupil, whenever they shall think that the welfare of the pupil, or of the school, will be promoted thereby.

Pupils when of a suitable age, to be bound out as apprentices.

Proviso.

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