

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

THIRD LEGISLATURE,

AT THE SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1823.

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to take and hold by gift, grant or otherwise, any estate real or personal, the annual income of which shall not exceed five hundred dollars, and apply the same according to the directions of grantors or donors; and said Trustees shall exhibit to the inhabitants of Wiscasset at their annual meeting in March or April, a particular statement of the situation of said funds, and of their doings in relation to the same for the year preceding.

Trustees may take and hold estate for use of schools.

Trustees to exhibit to town statement of the funds, &c.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That any three of said Trustees, may at any time, call a meeting of the board by giving personal notice to each member, four days at least before the time of such meeting, of the time and place thereof; and three members of said board shall constitute a quorum for transacting any business that may come before them.

Meeting of Trustees how called.

Quorum.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the powers granted by this act, may be enlarged, restrained or annulled, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Restrictions.

[*This Act passed February 8, 1823.*]

CHAPTER CCIV.

AN ACT to incorporate the Maine Baptist Missionary Society.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That John Haynes, Ransom Norton, Oliver Billings, James Garcelon, Cyrus Hamlin, Stephen Chapin, Calvin Stockbridge, Thomas B. Ripley, together with their associates and successors be, and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Maine Baptist Missionary Society; with power to sue and be sued; to have a common seal and to change the same; to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this State; and to take, hold and possess, any real or personal estate to the value of fifty thousand dollars, and to give and grant, bargain and sell, or lease the same.

Persons incorporated.

Powers and privileges.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Corporation may annually elect by ballot, by a majority

Officers to be chosen.

of the members present, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such number of Trustees, as they may think proper, not less than seven, and such other officers, as they may determine to be necessary; and all such officers when chosen, may hold their offices, until others are chosen in their stead; and in case of death, resignation or disability of either of said officers, the said corporation shall have a right in like manner, at any meeting regularly called for the purpose, or at any meeting held by adjournment, as may be most convenient, to fill any vacancy which may so happen.

Vacancies how filled.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all deeds, grants, covenants and agreements, that may be made for and in behalf of said corporation, shall be executed under the seal of the same, and signed by the President and Secretary.

Deeds, &c. how executed.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That all the estate of said Corporation, both real and personal, shall be used and improved to the best advantage, and the annual income thereof, and so much of the principal as the Trustees shall judge proper, together with the annual subscriptions, donations and contributions, which shall be made to said Corporation, shall be applied to the sole use and purpose of diffusing Christian knowledge, in such manner as the said Corporation shall judge will best promote and answer the design of their incorporation.

Appropriation of income of funds.

Annual subscriptions, &c.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the powers granted by this Act may be enlarged, restrained or annulled at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Restrictions.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the Rev. Thomas B. Ripley of Portland, be, and he hereby is authorized to fix the time and place of holding the first meeting of said Corporation, by publishing a notification thereof in two of the newspapers printed in Portland, at least three weeks successively before the time of meeting.

First meeting.

[*This Act passed February 8, 1823.*]