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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE,

AT THEIR SESSIONS,

HELD IN

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CHAPTER IV.

AN ACT to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Persons Incorporated.

To hold property not exceeding certain amount

Legislature may alter or repeal this act.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That William King, Simon Greenleaf, William Swan, Nathaniel Coffin and their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic by the name of the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Maine; 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, nor to ancient masonic usages; to take and hold, for charitable and benevolent uses, any real estate to the value of twenty thousand dollars, and any personal estate to the value of sixty thousand dollars; and to give and grant, or bargain and sell the same: and with all the privileges usually granted to other Societies instituted for purposes of charity and beneficence.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of said Corporation, shall be holden at such time and place, and be notified in such manner, as the majority of the persons herein named may direct.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the powers granted by this act, may be enlarged, restrained or repealed, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

[*This Act passed June 16, 1820.*]

CHAPTER V.

AN ACT to modify and limit the terms and conditions of the Act for Separation relative to Bowdoin College and encourage Literature and the Arts and Sciences.

Terms of act of separation conditionally annulled.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That provided the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall agree thereto, the President and Trustees and the Overseers of Bowdoin College, having already assented thereto, the terms and conditions mentioned in the Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed on the nineteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled "An Act relating to the Separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts proper, and forming the same into a separate and Independent State," be and they hereby are so far modified,

limited or annulled, as that the said President and Trustees and the Overseers of Bowdoin College shall have, hold and enjoy their powers and privileges in all respects, subject, however, to be altered, limited, restrained or extended by the Legislature of the State of Maine, as shall by said Legislature be judged necessary to promote the best interests of said institution.

Powers of the Trustees may be altered by the Legislature.

[This Act passed June 16, 1820.]

CHAPTER VI.

AN additional ACT respecting the first Baptist Society in Portland.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That any persons belonging to the town of Portland, desirous to become members of the first Baptist Society in Portland, by giving notice thereof in writing to the Clerk of the Parish or Society they intend to leave, seven days at least before the annual meeting thereof, and being accepted by said first Baptist Society, shall from and after such acceptance, be members of the same. And any person may cease to become a member of said Society, by giving notice in writing to the Clerk of the same in manner aforesaid : *Provided, however,* That in both the cases aforesaid, such persons shall be holden to pay all taxes lawfully assessed on their polls and estates at the time of their joining or leaving said Society.

Persons may become or cease to be members by giving notice.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all the powers and privileges given to the other religious societies and proprietors of meeting houses in Portland, by an Act passed on the fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, shall be, and they hereby are extended to the first Baptist Society in Portland, and to the proprietors of the meeting-house by them occupied.

To have the same powers as other religious societies in Portland.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the transactions of said Society while acting as a voluntary association under the style of the first Baptist Church and Society in Portland, so far as the same are not repugnant to law, be, and they hereby are confirmed and held valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatever.

Doings of the society confirmed.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the second and third sections of an Act, entitled "An Act incorporating the first Baptist Society in Portland," be, and they are hereby repealed.

Part of former act repealed.