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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE,

AT THEIR SESSIONS,

HELD IN

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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.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That said Society may make any by-laws for the management of their affairs: *Provided*, The same are not contrary to the laws of this State.

[*This Act passed June 17, 1820.*]

CHAPTER VII.

AN ACT establishing part of the north line of the town of Alna.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That the southward line of the town of Whitfield, on the westward side of Sheepscot river, beginning at an elm tree, a corner of Whitfield, on said river; from thence west northwest, one mile and eighty poles to Pittston line, be established as the northward line of the town of Alna; and the said town of Alna is hereby declared to extend to, and to be bounded on, the said line of the town of Whitfield.

[*This Act passed June 19, 1820.*]

CHAPTER VIII.

AN ACT to enlarge the powers of the Maine Literary and Theological Institution.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That the President and Trustees of the Maine Literary and Theological Institution are hereby authorized and empowered to confer such degrees as are usually conferred by Universities established for the education of youth: *Provided*, That the said Corporation shall confer no degrees other than those of Bachelor of Arts, and Master of Arts, until after the first day of January, which will be in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty. *And provided also*, that the said Corporation shall not make or have any rule or by-law requiring that any member of the Trustees shall be of any particular religious denomination. *Provided*, That no Student belonging or who may hereafter belong to said Institution, sustaining a fair moral character, shall be deprived of any privileges of said Institution, or be subjected to the forfeiture of any aid which has been granted by said Institution, for the purpose of enabling him to prosecute his studies, or be denied the usual testimonials on closing his studies, or be denied admission to said Institution on the

Authorized to confer degrees.

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