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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 XLI.

AN ACT to incorporate the Trustees of the Methodist Society in Portland.

Persons incor-  
porated.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That Lemuel Gooding, Thomas Dodge, Joshua Taylor, Isaac Davis, Nicholas Stickney, Luther Rice, and John Ayres, and their successors, together with the minister having the pastoral charge for the time being of the Methodist Society in Portland connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church as one of the united Societies thereof, be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic by the name of the Trustees of the Methodist Society in Portland, with power to sue and be sued; to have a common seal, and change the same; to make any bye-laws for the management of their concerns not repugnant to the laws of this State, nor the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the time being; to take and hold any real or personal estate the income whereof shall not exceed three thousand dollars, and to give and grant, or bargain and sell the same according to the will and intent of the grantors or donors thereof and for the benefit of said Society and not otherwise; and with all the other powers belonging to religious corporations or societies.

May hold pro-  
perty of the in-  
come of 3000  
dollars.

Trustees to be  
seven in number  
and four to be a  
quorum.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the number of said board of trustees shall be seven, four of whom including the president shall form a quorum to transact business; that the minister having the pastoral charge of the Society aforesaid for the time being, shall be president of said board of trustees when assembled or in his absence the next senior officer.

Vacancies how  
to be filled.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That whenever any one of the board of trustees herein before mentioned shall die, or cease to be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or by resignation, removal or otherwise, there shall be a vacancy in said board of trustees, it shall be the duty of the President to notify and call a meeting of the remaining trustees as soon as conveniently may be, proceeding according to the rules and discipline of said church for the time being to fill such vacancy, so as to keep the number of seven trustees forever.

In case the trust-  
ees by accident  
are reduced to  
less than a quo-  
rum, the minis-  
ter to nominate,  
and the society  
to elect and fill  
the board.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That if by reason of any unforeseen event, death or otherwise, the board of trustees be so reduced as not to have a quorum for business, it shall be the duty of the minister having the pastoral charge of the Society aforesaid, to call a meeting of the same, and to nominate suitable persons for that office being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, from which nomination said

Society shall appoint a sufficient number of persons to fill said board of trustees so as to keep in office by regular succession seven trustees forever.

SECT. 5. And whereas William Waterhouse, Thomas Delano, William True, Thomas Runnels, Samuel Homer, Lemuel Gooding and Thomas Dodge being trustees of the Methodist Society in Portland, did in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight, receive by deed from Joseph Titcomb, a conveyance of a certain lot of land situated on Chestnut street in said Portland, in trust that they should build thereon a house of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church according to their rules and discipline for the time being to have and to hold to them and their successors, being trustees of said Society, to the use and upon the trust aforesaid; and whereas the persons named in the first section of this act, have been duly elected successors of the original trustees named in said deed so far as vacancies have happened: Therefore,

*Be it further enacted*, That the corporation hereby created, shall be deemed and taken to be the legal successors of said trustees, and as such shall hold and manage the estate aforesaid in the manner and to the uses mentioned in said deed.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the transactions of said board of trustees prior to the passing of this act, so far as the same are not repugnant to law, be, and they hereby are confirmed and held valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That Joshua Taylor is hereby authorized to fix the time and place of holding the first meeting of said board of trustees, and to notify them thereof accordingly.

[*This Act passed February 19, 1821.*]

## CHAPTER XLII.

AN ACT to change the name of the town of Arundel.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That from and after the passing of this act, the name of the said town of Arundel shall cease, and the said town shall henceforth be called and known by the name of Kennebunk Port, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; and nothing in this act contained shall be construed to impair any rights of said corporation.

[*This Act passed February 19, 1821.*]