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# PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

# LEGISLATURE,

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faithful discharge of their duty, and liable to pay all damages occasioned by their misconduct or negligence, to be recovered by said town, by action of the case, in any Court competent to try the same; and the damage so recovered, shall be added to said funds, respectively.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the powers granted by this act, may be enlarged, restrained, or repealed, at the pleasure of the Legislature. Powers may be altered, &c.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That Sylvanus Poor, be, and he hereby is authorized to call the first meeting of the corporation, at such time and place, as he may direct, by notifying each trustee of the time and place of meeting. First meeting.

[This Act passed February 6, 1822.]

## CHAPTER CXXV.

AN ACT to establish a Ministerial and School Fund in the town of Avon.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Jonathan Elsworth, Basset Norton, Laban Smith, Gersham Collier, Samuel C. Ingham, and their successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Trustees of the Ministerial and School Funds of Avon; 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 the State; and to sell and convey all the ministerial and school lands belonging to said town of Avon; and any deed thereof, duly executed and acknowledged by the treasurer of said corporation, by the direction of the trustees, shall be good and effectual in law to pass the same lands to the purchaser; and the money arising from such sale, as soon as may be, shall be put at interest by said trustees, secured by mortgage of real estate, or by bond or note, with two or more sufficient sureties, or invested in funded public securities or bank stock. Persons incorporated Trustees. Powers, &c. Appropriation of the monies.

Number of Trustees fixed.      **SECT. 2.** *Be it further enacted,* That the number of said trustees shall not be less than three, nor more than five, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum for doing business; and they shall at their annual meeting, which shall be holden on the day succeeding the annual meeting for the choice of town officers in said town, elect by ballot a President, Clerk and Treasurer; the Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duty, and the Treasurer shall give bond to the corporation in double the amount of their funds, with sufficient sureties for the faithful discharge of his trust; and the said town of Avon may at any such annual town meeting remove all or either of said trustees or their successors, who shall have become incapable of discharging his duty, or who shall have removed from said town; and shall at said annual meeting fill all vacancies in said board of trustees by written ballots.

Annual meeting.      Town may remove the trustees.

Officers to be chosen.      — fill vacancies.

Trustees to keep accounts and exhibit them annually.      **SECT. 3.** *Be it further enacted,* That said trustees shall keep separate accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the funds accruing from the ministerial lands, and of the funds accruing from the school lands, which accounts shall be annually exhibited to the town, at the annual meeting for the choice of town officers; the interest of the ministerial fund shall be appropriated for the support of the gospel ministry in said town, in such manner as the town at their annual meeting shall direct, and as by law the fee, use, improvement and income of said ministerial lands, have been and now are vested and appropriated. The interest of the school fund shall be appropriated for the support of the public free schools in said town, in the same manner as money raised by law for that purpose; and it shall not be in the power of said town or trustees to alienate said funds, or to alter the appropriation of the same, or either of them.

Interest of the funds appropriated.

May hold real and personal estate not exceeding a certain amount.      **SECT. 4.** *Be it further enacted,* That said trustees and their successors, be, and they hereby are authorized to take, hold and possess any estate, personal or real, by gift, grant, or devise for the use of the gospel ministry in said town, the yearly income whereof shall not exceed one thousand dollars; and may take, hold

and possess any estate personal or real, by gift, grant, or devise for the use of the public free schools in said town, the annual income whereof shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, and shall appropriate the same agreeably to the intention of the donors, grantors, or devisors, respectively.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That said trustees shall be responsible to the town of Avon, for the faithful discharge of their duty, and liable to pay all damages occasioned by their misconduct or negligence, to be recovered by said town, by action of the case in any Court competent to try the same; and the debt or damage so recovered, shall be added to the said funds respectively. Trustees liable to the town.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the powers granted by this act may be enlarged, restrained or repealed at the pleasure of the Legislature. Powers granted may be altered, &c.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That Jonathan Elsworth, be, and he hereby is authorized to call the first meeting of the corporation, at such time and place as he may direct, by notifying each trustee of the time and place of meeting. First meeting.

[This act passed February 6, 1822.]

## CHAPTER CXXVI.

AN ACT to incorporate the Kennebec Steam Navigation Company.

SECT. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Seward Porter, William M. Dodge, and Isaac Baker, with such other persons as may hereafter associate with them, and their successors, be, and they hereby are, made and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Kennebec Steam Navigation Company, for and during the term of twenty years after the passing of this Act; and by that name may sue and be sued in all actions, real, personal and mixed, to final judgment and execution, and may do and suffer all acts, matters and things which bodies politic may or for twenty years.