

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, JANUARY, 1822.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 28, 1820.

PORTLAND :

ABJAH W. THAYER, PRINTER TO THE STATE,

1822.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That this Act ^{Powers granted may be altered, &c.} may be at any time altered, restrained or repealed by the Legislature of this State.

[This Act passed February 3, 1822.]

CHAPTER CXXXVII.

AN ACT to establish a School Fund in the town of Dexter.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of* ^{Persons incorporated.} *Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That *Seba* French, Cornelius Coolidge, Isaac Smith, Jonathan Farrar, Gilman M. Burleigh, and their successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic by the name of the trustees of the School fund of Dexter; 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 ^{Powers, &c.} the school lands belonging to said town of Dexter; ^{Trustees to sell lands;} 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 ^{monies appropriated.} at interest by said trustees, and 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.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the number of ^{Number of Trustees fixed.} 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 ^{Annual meeting.} 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 ^{Officers to be chosen.} bond to the corporation in double the amount of their funds, with sufficient sureties for the faithful discharge

Town may remove the trustees, and fill vacancies.

of his trust ; and said town of Dexter 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.

Trustees to keep an account and exhibit the same annually.

Interest appropriated.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That said trustees shall keep an account of the receipts and expenditures of the funds accruing from said school lands, and annually exhibit the same to the town at the annual meeting for the choice of town officers. The interest of said 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 alter the appropriation thereof.

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 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.

Trustees responsible to the town.

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

Powers may be altered, &c.

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,

First meeting.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That Seba French, 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.

[This Act passed February 8, 1822.]