

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

THIRD LEGISLATURE,

AT THE SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1823.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 28, 1820.

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PORTLAND:

BY TODD AND SMITH.....PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1823.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees shall keep accurate accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the funds accruing as aforesaid, which shall be exhibited to the town of Temple aforesaid, at every annual town meeting for the choice of officers. And the interest arising from the fund hereby established, shall be annually appropriated to the support of the gospel ministry, and divided among the different religious orders, according to their respective numbers of rateable polls, or in such manner, as said town of Temple, may from time to time vote and direct.

Trustees to render an account of their doings annually to the town.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees and their successors be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered 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 of Temple, the annual income whereof shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Trustees may take and hold estate.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the powers granted by this act may be enlarged, restrained or repealed at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Restrictions.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That Benjamin Abbot, one of the Trustees appointed by this act, may call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving personal notice to each Trustee of the time and place of such meeting.

First meeting.

[*This Act passed January 23, 1823.*]

## CHAPTER CLXXI.

AN ACT authorizing the sale of ministerial and school lands in the towns of Dixfield and Mexico.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Moses Park, Silas Barnard, Aaron Severy, Stephen Barnard and Nathaniel Graves, 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 Dixfield and Mexico; with power to sue and be sued; to have a common seal and to change

Trustees.

Powers.

Powers, &c.  
May sell ministerial and school lands, and vest proceeds, &c.

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 in the towns of Dixfield and Mexico, in the county of Oxford, or to lease the same, or any part or parcel thereof ; and any deed or lease of the same, duly executed and acknowledged by the Treasurer of said corporation, by the direction of the Trustees, shall be good and valid in law to pass or convey the same, in manner expressed in such deed or lease ; and in case of sale, the money arising therefrom shall be put 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.

Number of Trustees.

Vacancies how made and filled.

Trustees to account annually to town.

Towns may remove any Trustee.

Further duties of Trustees.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the number of said Trustees shall never exceed five, nor be less than three, any three of whom may form a quorum for doing business ; and one of said Trustees shall annually, in the month of March or April, retire from office by lot, and the vacancy shall be filled at the annual meeting for the choice of town officers, by written ballot from the inhabitants of the town in which such Trustee so retiring shall reside ; and all other vacancies shall be filled in like manner. And the said Trustees shall, at their annual meeting, which shall be holden on the day succeeding the annual meeting of one of said towns of Dixfield or Mexico, and that meeting, which shall be latest in the order of time, elect by ballot a President, Treasurer and Clerk ; the Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty, and the Treasurer shall give bond to the corporation, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of his trust. And said towns of Dixfield and Mexico, may at their annual town meetings, remove any of said Trustees, who shall become incapable of discharging the duties of the office, or who may remove from said towns ; and the vacancies shall be filled in manner herein prescribed.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees shall keep separate accounts of the monies arising from the sales of the ministerial and school lands,

and of the interest, or rents and profits accruing thereon, and shall exhibit their accounts and report their doings to both said towns, at their annual meetings for the choice of town officers: And said Trustees shall receive no compensation for their services out of said funds; but a reasonable compensation may be made them by said towns; and the interest or profits arising from the ministerial lands, or the proceeds of sales, may be annually applied to the support of the Gospel ministry; and the same arising from school lands may be annually applied for the support of public schools in said towns of Dixfield and Mexico, in proportion, as is established by the acts incorporating said towns; unless said Trustees shall order the annual interest to be added to the principal, and to be on interest, which they are hereby authorized to do, for a term of years not exceeding five, unless by the approbation of said towns.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees shall be responsible to the towns of Dixfield and Mexico, 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 proper to try the same; the damages so recovered, to be added to the funds respectively. Trustees responsibility.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That Silas Barnard 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.

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. Restrictions.

[*This Act passed January 24, 1823.*]

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## CHAPTER CLXXII.

AN ACT to incorporate the proprietors of Lewiston Bridge.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That James Proprietors incorporated.