

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.

PORTLAND:

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

1823.

Proviso for
keeping draws

time to time hereafter, to maintain and keep in repair the old bridge, near the head of the tide on Presumpscot river, and the bridge at Staples' point, on the same river, at the expense of the county of Cumberland; and to cause the costs of such maintenance and repairs to be paid in the same manner, as similar expenses have heretofore been paid, by virtue of a resolve passed on the seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, seventeen hundred and eighty nine, and an act passed February twentieth, eighteen hundred and nineteen: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to discharge said Court from the power and duty to make and keep a suitable draw in the bridge at Staples' point, for the passage of vessels through the same.

[*This Act passed February 11, 1823.*]

CHAPTER CCXXI.

AN ACT to establish a Ministerial and School Fund in Porter.

Trustees
incorporated.

Powers and
duties.

Officers of the
board.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the Selectmen and Town Clerk of Porter, in the county of Oxford, and their successors in office, be, and they hereby are constituted a body corporate forever, by the name of the Trustees of the Ministerial and School Fund of Porter; with power to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have a common seal and change the same at pleasure; to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State; and said Trustees shall annually elect a President, Clerk and Treasurer; and the Treasurer shall give bond, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of his trust, and the Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees shall have power to sell and convey all the ministeri-

al and school lands, belonging to said town of Porter, lying within said town, excepting that part which was granted for the use of the first settled minister; and any deed duly executed by the Treasurer of said board, by direction of said Trustees, shall be good and effectual in law. And the proceeds of such sale shall be, as soon as may be, put at interest by said Trustees, and secured by mortgage of real estate, or by bond or note, with sufficient sureties, or invested in bank stock or funded public securities. And the annual income of the funds aforesaid, shall be faithfully appropriated, by said Trustees, to the purposes and objects for which the same was originally granted and intended. And said Trustees are further empowered to take, hold, and possess any estate, real or personal, by gift, grant or otherwise, for the use of the ministry and support of schools in said town, the yearly income whereof shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Trustees to sell ministerial and school lands,

and vest proceeds at interest

and apply income to the purposes of original grant.

Trustees may take and hold estate for like uses.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees shall at each annual meeting of said town of Porter, for the choice of town officers, exhibit a fair account of their proceedings and a statement of the funds and receipts and expenditures thereon, and of the application thereof to the several uses hereby required.

Trustees to exhibit annually to town of Porter a statement of their doings

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the powers granted by this act, may be enlarged, restrained, or annulled at the pleasure of the Legislature: And any one of the Trustees, hereby created, may call the first meeting of said Board, by giving personal notice to all the others, of the time and place of meeting, seven days at least prior to such meeting.

Restrictions,

First meeting.

[*This Act passed February 11, 1823.*]