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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FOURTH LEGISLATURE,

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ered to issue his warrant to some inhabitant of said town, directing him to notify the inhabitants thereof to meet at such time and place as he shall appoint, to choose such officers as other towns are empowered to choose at their annual town meetings.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said town, hereby incorporated, shall continue to constitute a part of the class for choosing a member of the House of Representatives in the Legislature of this State, in the same manner as it was classed at the time of passing of this act, and until a new classification shall by law be made.

Town classed for choice of Representatives.

[*This Act passed February 6, 1824.*]

CHAPTER CCXLVIII.

AN ACT to authorize the sale of ministerial lands in the second parish in the town of Shapleigh, and for other purposes.

Trustees' names.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That George Ham, jun. Andrew Haley, John Pillsbury, Abraham Lord and Stephen Garvin, and their successors, be, and they are hereby incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Trustees of the Congregational Fund, for the support of the gospel, in the first Congregational Society in the second parish in the town of Shapleigh; with power to sue and be sued; to have a common seal, and to alter the same; to make any by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the State; and to sell and convey all the land on the east side of Mousom pond, reserved by the proprietors of said town of Shapleigh, for the sole use and benefit of the gospel Congregational ministry; and any deed thereof duly executed and acknowledged by the Treasurer of said corporation, by the direction of said Trustees, shall be good and effectual in law; and the money arising from such sale, shall, as soon as may be, 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 public

Powers and duties.

May sell ministerial lands.

Proceeds how invested.

funded securities; and the interest arising from said fund shall be appropriated by said Trustees to the use of the Congregational ministry annually. and interest appropriated.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the number of 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 held on the day succeeding the annual meeting of said society in March or April, elect by ballot, a President, Clerk and Treasurer; the Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duty, by the President, when no Justice of the Peace is present; and the Treasurer shall give bond to the corporation in double the amount of their funds with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees, for the faithful discharge of his trust. And the said Congregational Society, in the second parish in Shapleigh, may, at their annual meeting for the choice of society officers, remove all or any one of said Trustees or their successors, who shall have become incapable of discharging his duty, or shall have removed out of said parish; and shall at any other meeting duly notified, fill all vacancies which may happen by death, resignation or otherwise. Number of Trustees limited. Officers to be chosen by Trustees. Vacancies in board of Trustees how filled

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Trustees may take and hold by gift, grant, purchase or devise, real estate, the annual income whereof shall not exceed one thousand dollars; and personal estate the annual income whereof shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars; and shall have power to sell and convey said real estate, by deed as aforesaid; and the money arising from such sale to be appropriated according to the intention of the donors, and for the purpose expressed in this act. Trustees may hold real and personal estate.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the Trustees shall keep a fair account of the receipts and expenditures of the funds accruing from the sale of the parsonage land, which account shall be annually exhibited to the society at the annual meeting for the choice of society officers. And the said Trustees shall be responsible to the first Congregational society in the second parish in Shapleigh, for Trustees to exhibit their accounts, &c. annually. Responsible to the society.

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

Restrictions. 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.

first meeting. SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That Stephen Garvin be, and he is hereby 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 6, 1824.*]

CHAPTER CCXLIX.

AN ACT incorporating the Proprietors of the Free Meeting House in Georgetown.

Persons incorporated. SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That John Swett, Benjamin Riggs, Michael Fisher, Alexander Campbell and William Heal, their associates and successors, proprietors of the Free Meeting House in Georgetown, and the lot of land on which the same is erected, be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Proprietors of the Free Meeting House in Georgetown ; and by that name may prosecute and defend suits at law ; and may have a common seal, and may alter the same ; to make any by-laws necessary and convenient for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State.

Powers and privileges.

Officers to be chosen by proprietors. SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the proprietors aforesaid shall have power to choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, and all such other officers as may be necessary, and may remove them, or any of them, and fill vacancies when occasion may require ; and also to raise money for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses which have