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# PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

**FOURTH LEGISLATURE,**

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habitants of said town, in any Court of competent jurisdiction, to the use of said town of Vinalhaven.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the town of Vinalhaven aforesaid, to fix the price at which the fish above mentioned, legally taken in the waters aforesaid, shall be sold, and in what quantities, and at such times, and under such restrictions as may by said town, at any legal meeting thereof, be deemed expedient; and said town is hereby further authorized to sell or dispose of the privilege of taking fish in the waters aforesaid, under such regulations, and for such uses and benefits to said town, as may by the inhabitants thereof be deemed expedient.

Said town may also fix price for selling fish, &c. and may sell the right of fishing.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Selectmen or Committe appointed by said town of Vinalhaven to prosecute for all breaches of this act, and for any one of them to seize and detain in their custody any net which may be found in the hands of any person using the same contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, until the person so offending makes satisfaction for his offence, or is legally acquitted; and no person by reason of his being one of said committee, or an inhabitant of said town, shall be thereby disqualified from being a witness in any prosecution or suit for the breach of this act.

Prosecutions how made and supported for violation of these provisions.

[*This Act passed February 12, 1824.*]

## CHAPTER CCLXV.

AN ACT to establish a Ministerial Fund in the Congregational Parish in the town of Sanford, in the county of York.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That John Frost, 2d. Joseph Shaw, John Powers, John Frost, 3d. and Timothy Shaw, be, and they are hereby incorporated into a body politic by the name of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund in the Congregational Parish in the town of Sanford, in the

Persons incorporated.

Powers privileges and duties. county of York ; with power to sue and be sued ; to have a common seal and to change the same ; to make any and all by-law necessary for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this State ; and to sell and convey, with the assent of the minister of said parish for the time being, all the ministerial land belonging to said parish ; and any deed thereof duly executed, and acknowledged by the Treasurer of said corporation, (to be chosen in manner as is in the second section of this act provided,) and being approved by the trustees, shall be good and effectual in law to pass the same land to the purchaser. And all the moneys arising and accruing from such sale or sales, as soon as may be, shall be put at interest, by said trustees, and secured by mortgage of real estate, or by bond or note, with two or more good and sufficient sureties, or invested in public funded securities, or bank stock.

Proceeds of sale how to be invested.

Number of Trustees, and their officers. **SECT. 2.** *Be it further enacted,* That the number of said trustees shall not be less than five nor more than seven, any four of whom shall constitute a quorum for doing business ; and shall at their annual meetings, which shall be holden on the Saturday next preceding the day of the annual meetings for the choice of Parish Officers, in said parish, elect by ballot, a President, a Clerk and Treasurer ; the Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duty ; and the Treasurer shall give bonds to the corporation in double the amount of their funds, with sufficient sureties for the faithful discharge of his trust. And the said parish may, at any such annual meeting, or at any meeting for such purpose specially called, remove all or either of said Trustees, or their successors, who shall have become incapable of discharging their duty, or who shall have removed from said town of Sanford, or shall have in any manner ceased to be members of said Congregational Society, and shall at any such meetings fill all vacancies in said board of Trustees by written ballot.

Vacancies in board of Trustees how filled

**SECT. 3.** *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees shall keep separate accounts of the receipts and

expenditures of the fund accruing from the ministerial lands, which accounts shall be annually exhibited to the parish at the annual meeting for the choice of Parish Officers; and the interest shall be appropriated for the support of a Congregational Minister in said parish, in such manner as the parish, at their annual meetings shall direct, and as by law the fee, use, improvement and income of said ministerial lands, are now vested and appropriated.

Trustees to keep and exhibit accounts &c.

Interest of fund how appropriated.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees, or 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 a Congregational Minister legally settled in said parish, the yearly income whereof shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Trustees may hold estate for pious uses.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees shall be responsible to said parish for the faithful discharge of their duty; and liable to pay all damages occasioned by their misconduct or negligence, to be recovered by said parish by action of the case, in any Court competent to try the same; and the debt or damages so recovered shall be added to said fund. And the said trustees, or their successors, or either of them, shall not in any case, receive any compensation for his or their services in the management of said fund.

Trustees responsible to parish for their fidelity,

and to receive no compensation for services from the fund.

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

Restrictions.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That any one of said Trustees be, and is hereby authorized to call the first meeting, by serving a written notice on each person named in this act, ten days at least before the time appointed for the same, designating therein the time and place for the holding such meeting.

First meeting.

[*This Act passed February 12, 1824.*]