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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

SEVENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION

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that may obstruct the passage of said fish to and from said pond, he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than twenty-five, nor more than one hundred dollars for each offence; said fines or forfeitures to be recovered by action of debt, in the name of the inhabitants of the town of Vinalhaven, or by complaint or indictment in any Court of competent jurisdiction, to the use of said town.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the fourth section of an Act respecting Fisheries in the town of Vinalhaven, passed February the twelfth, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, be, and the same hereby is repealed.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 7, 1827.]

CHAPTER CCCCLX.

AN ACT to incorporate the Oxford Female Academy.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That there be, and hereby is established at Paris, in the county of Oxford, an Academy by the name of the Oxford Female Academy, for the purpose of promoting the education of females.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That Thomas Clark, Stephen Emery, Alanson Mellen, Rufus K. Goodenow, and Simeon Cummings, be, and they are hereby incorporated by the name of the Trustees of the Oxford Female Academy; and they and their successors shall be and continue a body politic and corporate by the same name forever.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Trustees and their successors, shall have a common seal, which they may change and renew, from time to time, as they shall see fit; and they may sue and be sued, in all actions, real, personal and mixed, and prosecute and defend the same to final judgment and execution, by the name of the Trustees of the Oxford Female

Academy; and may appoint an agent or agents to prosecute and defend such suits.

The persons incorporated made Visitors, &c.

with power to elect officers, make by laws, &c.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Thomas Clark, and others, the Trustees aforesaid, and their successors, be, and they are hereby made the Visitors, Trustees and Governors of the said Academy, in perpetual succession, to be continued in the way and manner hereafter specified, with full power and authority to elect all such officers of the said Academy, as they shall judge necessary and convenient, and to make and ordain such by-laws, rules and regulations, not repugnant to the laws of the State, for the good government of said Academy, as to them shall seem fit and requisite.

Number of Trustees fixed.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the number of Trustees aforesaid, shall not, at any one time, be less than five, nor more than nine, a majority of whom shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transacting business. And the Trustees aforesaid are hereby authorized to elect by ballot, at the first meeting of said corporation, four Trustees, in addition to the five named in the second section of this Act.

Vacancies, how filled.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That as often as one or more of the Trustees of said Academy shall die or resign, or in the judgment of the major part of the Trustees, shall be rendered incapable by age or otherwise, of discharging the duties of his office, the Trustees then surviving shall elect one or more persons to fill up the vacancy or vacancies.

May hold estate, &c.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That said Trustees may have and hold, by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, any lands, tenements, hereditaments or other estate, real or personal, provided the annual income thereof shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars; and may sell and dispose of the same and apply the interest, rents and profits thereof, in such manner, as to promote the objects of said Academy. And all deeds or conveyances of said real estate,

signed by the Treasurer of said Trustees and duly executed and acknowledged, by direction of said Trustees, and under the seal of said corporation, shall be good and valid in law.

Manner in which conveyances shall be made

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted,* That unless the said Trustees shall within three years from the passing of this Act, be in possession of funds or property for the use of said Academy, or vested in a building for the same purpose, which, together shall amount to the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, and have also commenced instruction within that time, the powers granted by this Act, shall be null and void.

Trustees to be in possession of funds to a certain amount, within a certain time, or this act to be void

SECT. 9. *Be it further enacted,* That Thomas Clark be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint the time and place for holding the first meeting of said Trustees, and to give them personal notice thereof in writing, three days at least, prior to such meeting.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 10. *Be it further enacted,* That the powers granted by this Act may be enlarged, restrained or annulled, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Powers restricted

[*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 7, 1827.*]

CHAPTER CCCCLXI.

AN ACT extending the Charter of the United Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Portland, for certain purposes.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That the United Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Portland, shall be, and continue a body politic and corporate for the term of ten years, from the ninth day of February next; for the purpose of enabling said corporation to collect and adjust their debts; but not for the purpose of taking risks or making any fire or marine Insurance.

Charter extended for certain purposes.

[*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 7, 1827.*]