

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

**PRIVATE AND SPECIAL**

**ACTS**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE,**

PASSED BY THE

**ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE,**

**At its Session commencing January 5th, 1831.**

---

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF 28TH JUNE, 1820.

---

**Portland.**

TODD AND HOLDEN.....PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1831.

powers granted by this Act, may be enlarged, restrained or annulled, at the pleasure of the Legislature. Powers may be changed.

## CHAPTER 143.

AN ACT to establish a Literary Institution in Westbrook.

Approved March 4, 1831.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That there be, and hereby is established in the town of Westbrook, County of Cumberland, Where located. at a place called Stevens' plains, a literary institution by the name of "Westbrook Seminary" for the purpose of promoting piety and morality, and for the education of youth in such of the elementary and higher branches of learning, as the Board of Trustees hereinafter named shall direct.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That James C. Churchill, Francis O. J. Smith, Daniel Winslow and Nathan Nutter, of Portland; Board of Trustees. William Slemmons and Moses Quimby of Westbrook; Josiah Dunn of Poland; William A. Drew of Augusta; D. McCobb of Waldoborough; G. W. Tinker of Bowdoinham; and Alfred Pierce of Greene, be, and they hereby are appointed Trustees of said Seminary; and are hereby incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the "Westbrook Seminary," and they, and their associates and successors, shall be and continue a Name of Institution. body politic and corporate by that name forever; may sue and be sued; may have a common seal, with power to change the same; may appoint an Agent or Agents, who, in the name of the "Westbrook Seminary," shall have power to prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution. And the Board of Trustees aforesaid, Duties, liabilities, &c. their associates and successors, shall have power

May elect officers. to elect such officers as they shall deem necessary, and may make such by-laws for the good government of said Seminary, as they may consider proper, not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State.

Board of Trustees shall increase their number to twenty, as soon as may be. **SECT. 3.** *Be it further enacted,* That the aforesaid Board of Trustees shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to increase their number to twenty as soon as may be, and thereafter said last number shall be further increased, as a majority of said Trustees may from time to time deem necessary, not exceeding at any time the number of thirty six; and said Board of Trustees for the time being, shall as aforesaid, fill all vacancies which may happen by death, resignation or otherwise, and remove any Trustee or Trustees, by a vote of two thirds of the whole number constituting the Board of Trustees for the time being; and for all other purposes than those mentioned in this Act, eight Trustees shall constitute a quorum: *Provided however,* That at no time shall any clergyman, or professed minister of the Gospel, be eligible to the Board of Trustees aforesaid, so as to increase the number of clergymen or professed ministers of the Gospel belonging to said Board, beyond one sixth of the whole number of the Trustees in office, at the time of any election.

Not more than one sixth of whole number of Trustees to be Clergymen. **SECT. 4.** *Be it further enacted,* That the Board of Trustees aforesaid, and their successors, be, and they hereby are rendered capable in law, to take and hold by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, any real or personal estate, which has heretofore been given or subscribed, or which may hereafter be given or subscribed for the support of said Seminary; provided the annual income of such estate shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

May hold personal or real estate. **SECT. 5.** *Be it further enacted,* That all deeds and instruments which said Trustees may lawfully make, shall be sealed with their seal,

Income of such estate not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

and shall bind them and their successors, and be valid in law.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That all the property, both real and personal, which may belong to this institution over and above the amount of five thousand dollars, shall be subject to taxation by the State only, except such as shall be given, granted, devised or bequeathed by persons not residing in this State.

All property over five thousand dollars subject to taxation.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That J. C. Churchill, or Daniel Winslow of Portland, be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint the time and place for holding the first meeting of said Board of Trustees, and to notify them thereof.

First meeting.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted,* That the Legislature shall have power to alter, restrain or enlarge any of the powers herein given, as the good of the public may require.

Powers may be changed.

---

## CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT to set off a part of the town of Canton and annex the same to the town of Jay.

Approved March 4, 1831.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That from and after the passing of this Act, all that part of the town of Canton, in the County of Oxford, lying East of the following described line, to wit, beginning at the North West corner of lot numbered eight in the eleventh range, in the town of Jay; thence running North on the dividing line, between ranges numbered eleven and twelve, to the North West corner of lot numbered fourteen in the eleventh range, in Canton, together with the inhabitants thereon, be, and hereby are,

Boundaries described.