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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL

ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION COMMENCING JANUARY 2, 1833.

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CHAPTER 318.

AN ACT to incorporate the Lea Meadows Academy and Ben-Venue Female High School.

Approved February 13, 1833.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That for the purpose of advancing the interest of Literature and Science, of promoting morals and piety, and a more general diffusion of the benefits of education among children and youth in the humble walks of life, that there be, and hereby is established, in the town of Weld in the County of Oxford, a Literary Institution by the name of the Lea Meadows Academy and Ben-Venue Female High School, and that Jacob Abbot, Hermon Stinson, La Fayette Perkins, Joseph Russell and Winslow Hayward, with their associates and successors, be and hereby are incorporated into a body politic by the name of the Trustees of the Lea Meadows Academy and Ben-Venue Female High School.

Name of the
Incorporation.

Names of persons
incorporated.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Trustees of said Corporation shall never be less than five, nor more than thirteen, in number, and five shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. And said Trustees shall have power to fill all vacancies in their board by electing such persons for Trustees as they may deem suitable; and to make and establish such rules and by-laws for the transaction of their business, and for the good government of said Academy and High School as they may think proper, not being repugnant to the laws of the State; to elect from time to time such officers for said Academy and School or either of them, as may be necessary and fix the tenure of their respective offices, and determine their powers and duties; to fix the mode of calling, and the times and places of holding, their meetings, and the method of electing and of removing Trustees; and, generally, to use and exercise all the powers, rights and privileges, usually granted to similar Corporations and all the powers

Number.

Trustees.

Their powers
&c.

necessary to carry into effect the design of said Institution including the right to use a common seal and to prosecute and defend suits at law.

Corporation may hold estate real and personal to an amount the income of which shall not exceed \$4000.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said Corporation are hereby authorized to hold, for the use and benefit of said Academy and High School, and each of them, by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise any lands, tenements, hereditaments or other estate, real or personal, to an amount, the annual income of which shall not exceed Four Thousand Dollars; and may sell and dispose of the same or any part thereof, so as best to promote the objects of this Act. And all deeds of conveyance of real estate, made in behalf of said Corporation, sealed with the common seal, and subscribed and delivered and acknowledged by their Treasurer, under the direction of said Trustees, shall be good and valid in law.

Trustees may be removed in certain cases.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That, whenever any one of the Trustees shall, in the opinion of a major part of said Trustees, become incapable, by age or otherwise, of discharging the duties of his office, he may, by a vote of the Board, be removed. And the Trustees, for the time being, are authorized, in the mode to be prescribed in the by-laws, to fill all vacancies in their board, until the number be made up to thirteen.

First meeting—how to be called.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That Jacob Abbot Esq. is authorized to call the first meeting of said Trustees, on giving such notice of the time and place thereof, as he may think proper.

This Act to be void unless &c.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That, unless 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 shall have vested in a building for the same purpose which together shall amount to the sum of One Thousand Dollars at least, and have also commenced the business of instruction, within two years from the passage of said Act—the powers granted by this Act shall be null and void.