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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1853.

Chapter 89.

An act to authorize the proprietors of the Unitarian meetinghouse, in Topsham, to sell the same.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. The proprietors of the meetinghouse in Topsham village, originally built about the year eighteen hundred and twenty, for the first parish in Topsham, but since sold by them, and now commonly known and described as the Unitarian meetinghouse, are hereby authorized to sell the same, together with the lot of land pertaining to the same through the agency of George Rogers, Francis T. Purington, John H. Thompson, Nathan Davis, and William Frost, of Topsham, aforesaid, or a major part of them; and the said agents may call a meeting of said proprietors, by posting up notices at three public places in said Topsham, one of which shall be on the principal outer door of the said meetinghouse, ten days at least before the said meeting, advertising that the said house and land will be sold at the time and place designated for the said meeting.

SECT. 2. The proprietors at said meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, shall choose three trustees, who shall receive the amount for which said house and land shall be sold, and divide the same among the several pew owners, if they can be ascertained, as nearly as may be, in proportion to the first cost or price of each pew when first sold to individuals after the erection of said house, or as appraised, if not sold; and the decision of the said trustees or a major part of them, shall be final as to the amount to be paid to each pew holder; *provided*, that previous to such division of proceeds, the said trustees shall pay therefrom all incidental expenses, and such debts, if any, as they shall be satisfied are due from said proprietors, as such, to individuals; and in the election of said trustees and in all the business of the meeting, the said proprietors may cast one vote for each pew they may respectively own; and a major part in interest of the proprietors present at said meeting, are hereby authorized to adjourn the said sale to any other time or place.

SECT. 3. If the owners of any pew or pews in said house, or their legal representatives, do not, within one year from the said sale, appear to claim their dividends, then the unclaimed balance in the hands of the said trustees shall be divided amongst those whose claims have been presented and allowed, in proportion to their former dividends.

SECT. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 18, 1853.]

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