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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1856.

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Chapter 543.

An act to establish a public library in the town of Eastport.

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

SECT. 1. Oliver S. Livermore, Partmon Houghton, Aaron Hayden, George I. G. Rice, George A. Peabody and George N. Richardson, and their successors, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Trustees of the Eastport Library, and are authorized by that name to take and hold the books, maps and other property now owned by the Eastport Atheneum, and such maps, books, and other articles as may be hereafter, by gifts or purchase, added for the purposes and upon the trusts hereinafter set forth.

Corporators.  
Corporate name.  
May hold certain property.

SECT. 2. Any vacancy happening in said board of trustees shall be filled by the vote of a majority of the remaining members. The said trustees shall at all times be residents of Eastport, and the removal of any one of them from said town, shall constitute a vacancy.

Vacancies, how filled.  
Trustees, residence of.

SECT. 3. There shall be paid annually out of the treasury of the town of Eastport to the said trustees, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, and such further sum as the town at their annual meeting may appropriate; *provided*, that the sum raised by the town for the purpose in any one year, including the one hundred and fifty dollars, shall not exceed five hundred dollars. The town treasurer shall pay said sums to the trustees on demand after the first day of January in each year. In case the treasurer on demand as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to pay said sums, the trustees may recover the same in an action of assumpsit against the inhabitants of the town of Eastport.

Annual instalment.  
Proviso.  
Duty of town treasurer.  
When payment is refused.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the said trustees to provide, by hiring, suitable rooms for keeping said library, and to appoint a librarian to take care of the same and cause the books and other property to be properly arranged and kept in good order. The appointment of librarian shall be during the pleasure of the trustees.

Library, provisions for.  
Librarian, duties of.  
Term of office.

SECT. 5. The inhabitants of the town of Eastport under such regulations as the trustees may from time to time establish, shall be allowed the free use of said library.

Inhabitants, privileges of.

SECT. 6. The said trustees shall apply the money which they receive from the town of Eastport; first, to the payment of rent for the rooms in which the library is kept; second, to the payment of the librarian and other incidental charges con-

Money received from town of Eastport, how applied.

CHAP. 543.

Object of this act.

Duty of trustees.

Supreme judicial court to hear and adjudge upon complaints against trustees.

Inhabitants, liabilities of.

Debt of, &amp;c., how canceled.

This act void unless accepted by inhabitants of Eastport, &amp;c.

First meeting, how called.

Meeting, business of.

nected with the library; third, the balance, if any remains, to the purchase of books, maps, and other judicious additions to the library. If the town of Eastport shall furnish, free of rent, suitable rooms for the library, the minimum amount which they shall be obliged to pay annually, shall be one hundred dollars.

SECT. 7. The object of this act being to secure to the use of the inhabitants of Eastport, under proper regulations, the library now owned by the Eastport Atheneum, and the additions which may be hereafter made thereto, it shall be the duty of the trustees faithfully to carry out that design; and upon complaint of the selectmen of Eastport against said trustees or either of them, concerning their said trusts and duties, the supreme judicial court is hereby empowered, by summary process, according to the course of proceedings in equity, to hear and adjudge upon the matter of such complaint, and to issue thereon any suitable writ or process, and make any lawful decree to compel the proper discharge of their duties and trusts, and remove said trustees or either of them. And in case complaint is made against said trustees or either of them, which the said Court shall decide to be groundless, the said trustee or trustees shall recover costs against the inhabitants of the town of Eastport.

SECT. 8. The inhabitants of Eastport at their next annual meeting, may raise such a sum, not exceeding two hundred dollars, as may be necessary to pay the present debt of the Eastport Atheneum.

SECT. 9. This act shall be void unless the inhabitants of Eastport, at their next annual meeting, shall accept its provisions; and the Eastport Atheneum shall within thirty days thereafter, transfer to said trustees their books and other property to hold under the provisions of the act.

SECT. 10. The first meeting of said trustees shall be held within fifteen days after this act is accepted by the town of Eastport, and shall be called by a notice signed by three of the trustees, and published in the Eastport Sentinel one week previous to the time fixed for the meeting. At that meeting officers shall be chosen, by laws adopted, and provision made for future meetings.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor, subject to the proviso in the ninth section hereof.