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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1861.

CHAP. 40.

Chapter 40.

An act to make valid the doings of the town of Denmark.

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

Denmark,
town of, certain
doings in,
made valid.

SECT. 1. All acts, votes and proceedings of the qualified voters of the town of Denmark, in the county of Oxford, in town meetings assembled for the last six years, and the doings of the assessors of said town for the same time, are hereby made valid.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor.

[Approved February 23, 1861.]

Chapter 41.

An act to incorporate the Maine Universalist Convention.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Alpheus Lyon, Richard Dresser, I. C. Knowlton, Israel Washburn, Jr., William R. French, N. G. Hichborn, George Bates, F. A. Hodsdon, Giles Bailey, Henry C. Leonard, Jerome Harris, I. C. Snow, A. G. Gaines, Ezra Beales, Job Prince, J. A. Milliken, Nathan Webb, Jr., D. B. Byther, Calvin Gardner, W. W. Lovejoy, Zenas Thompson, John B. Morrison, Joseph A. Ho- man, H. H. Johnson, J. S. Monroe, W. A. P. Dillingham, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Maine Universalist Convention, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions of similar corporations; and said corporation may hold real and personal estate to the value of fifty thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the diffusion of christianity by means of publications, schools, missionary labors or otherwise.

Corporate
name.

Powers,
privileges, &c.
May hold real
or personal
estate.

Certain socie-
ties authorized
to transfer
their property,
&c., to the
Maine Univer-
salist Conven-
tion.

SECT. 2. The Maine Universalist Missionary Society, and the Maine Universalist Tract Society, and also the Maine Universalist Educational Society, a corporation created by chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three, are hereby severally authorized to transfer all their property, rights, interest and obligations to the corporation hereby created; *provided however*, that the societies aforesaid at meetings to be regularly called according to the by-laws of said societies for the purposes indicated herein, shall vote to act upon the authority hereby granted; and the corporation hereby created shall take the place of said societies and succeed to all their rights, interest, obligations and liabilities; including the right of said educational

Proviso.

Maine Univer-
salist Conven-
tion to take the
place, &c., of
certain socie-
ties.

society to nominate the principal and professors of Westbrook seminary with its obligations to said seminary specified in the basis of arrangement between said society and said seminary, signed by Samuel Jordan, Jerome Harris and their associates, *provided* the trustees of said seminary at a meeting regularly called for that purpose, shall vote their consent to the change hereby authorized.

SECT. 3. If any one of the societies herein before named shall vote not to accept the provisions of this act, it shall nevertheless be valid and binding upon such of said societies as shall vote to accept its provisions.

Acceptance of act.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved February 23, 1861.]

Chapter 42.

An act to incorporate certain persons by the name of The Biddeford Mutual Improvement Society.

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

SECT. 1. Elisha D. Morse, John Leigh and James Read, and their associates and successors, be and are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Biddeford Mutual Improvement Society, and by that name may sue and be sued, and shall have and enjoy all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities incident to such corporations ; with the right, power and privilege to take, receive and hold and to dispose of books and other property designed for the mutual improvement of the members of said corporation in literature, science and morals, not exceeding at any one time the sum of two thousand dollars. And said corporation may elect all such officers, make and establish all such by-laws not repugnant to the laws of this state, as may be deemed necessary for the government and regulation of said society.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers, privileges, &c. May take and hold books, &c.

Officers.

By-laws.

SECT. 2. That the said Elisha D. Morse, John Leigh and James Read, or any two of them, may call the first meeting of said society by posting up notices in two or more public places in the city of Biddeford at least seven days before holding the same.

First meeting, how called.

[Approved February 23, 1861.]