

Massachusetts Statutes
Laws of 1797
Chapter 78

This act approved March 3, 1798

An act for establishing an Academy in the Town of Milton, by the name of Milton Academy.

Whereas Edward H. Robbins and others have subscribed three thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting and supporting an Academy in the town of Milton, in the county of Norfolk, and it appears that the said town is a suitable place for such an institution.

Section 1.

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in general court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that there be and hereby is established in the town of Milton, in the county of Norfolk, an Academy by the name of Milton Academy, for the purpose of promoting piety, religion and morality, and for the education of youth in such languages, and in such of the liberal arts and sciences, as the Trustees of the said Academy shall direct, and that Fisher Ames, William Aspinwall, Samuel Bass, Esq'rs., The Rev. Nathanael Emmons, Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, Rev. Zachariah Howard, Rev. Joseph McKean, Rev. George Morey, the Rev. Eliphalet Porter, and the Rev. Thomas Thatcher, the Hon. Stephen Metcalf, John Read, Edward H. Robbins and Ebenezer Thayer, Esquires, be, and hereby are incorporated into a Body Politic, by the name of the Trustees of Milton Academy, and that they and their successors shall be and continue a Body Politic and Corporate by the same name forever.

Section 2.

Be it further enacted, that all the monies, lands or other property and things already given, or which shall be hereafter given, granted, devised, bequeathed, transferred or assigned to the said Trustees, for the purpose aforesaid, shall be confirmed to the said Trustees and their successors in that trust, forever: And that the said Trustees may have and hold in fee simple, by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, any lands, tenements, hereditaments or other estate real or personal; Provided the annual income thereof shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars; and may sell and dispose of the same, and apply the rents and profits thereof in such manner as that the end and design of the said institution may be promoted.

Section 3.

Be it further enacted, that the said Trustees shall have power, from time to time, to elect such officers of the said Academy as they shall judge necessary, and to fix the tenures of their respective offices; to remove any Trustee from the Corporation, when in their opinion he shall be incapable, by reason of age or otherwise, of discharging the duties of his office; to fill all vacancies in the said Corporation, by electing such persons for Trustees as they shall think suitable; to determine the times and places of meetings, the

manner of notifying the Trustees, and the method of electing and removing Trustees; to prescribe the power and duty of their several officers; to elect preceptors and teachers of the said Academy, and to determine their powers and duties, and fix the tenures of their offices, and to make and ordain reasonable rules, orders and by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth, with reasonable penalties for the good government of the said Academy.

Section 4.

Be it further enacted, that the said Trustees may have one common seal, which they may at pleasure break, alter, and renew; and that all deeds signed and sealed with their seal, delivered and acknowledged by the Treasurer or Secretary of said Corporation, by order of the said Trustees, shall be good and valid in law; and that the said Trustees may sue and be sued, in all actions, real, personal and mixed, and prosecute or defend the same to final judgment and execution, by the name of The Trustees of Milton Academy.

Section 5.

Be it further enacted, that the number of said Trustees shall not, at one time, be more than fifteen nor less than nine; five of whom shall constitute a quorum to do business; and that a majority of said Trustees shall consist of men who are not inhabitants of the said town of Milton.

Section 6.

Be it further enacted, that there be, and hereby is granted to the said Trustees and their successors forever, for the use of the said Academy, one half a township of six miles square, of the unappropriated lands belonging to this Commonwealth, in the district of Maine, excepting the ten townships on Penobscot River, to be laid out and assigned by the Committee for the sale of eastern lands, under the restrictions and reservations made in similar grants.

Section 7.

And be it further enacted, that the Hon. Seth Bullard, Esq., be, and hereby is authorized to fix the time and place for holding the first meeting of said Trustees, and to notify them thereof.