

number necessary to constitute a quorum, and shall provide and keep a good and sufficient record book, Record book and cause therein to be registered all its proceedings, subject at all times to the inspection of the several members of the church, society or congregation; and the same shall be laid before a public meeting when required by any five or more of the members; and the said trustees, or a majority of them, shall have full power to frame such rules and ordinances for conducting their concerns as may be necessary and convenient for accomplishing the end of their institution. Rules and regulations.

167. When any number of persons belonging to any church or congregation, sufficient to build a church or house of worship, and to maintain a minister shall choose to separate from the church or congregation of which they have hitherto been a part, and to erect a house of worship, and employ a minister for themselves, it shall be lawful for them to do so; and they shall by their respective name or style be entitled to all the benefits of this article relating to their incorporation; *provided*, only, that all arrearages, debts and engagements contracted, due or becoming due, while members of the former society, shall be discharged. Secession of part of congregation, &c. Proviso. Dues and debts

168. The person or persons holding lands or goods and chattels in trust, for any particular church or society, shall convey the same to the corporation of such particular church or society, as soon as the same shall be formed under this article. Trustee to convey to corporation.

169. Nothing in this article shall prevent the Protestant Episcopal church from incorporating the vestries in the several parishes, according to the usages of the said church. Protestant Episcopal Church

CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY BY CORPORATIONS.

170. If any corporation incorporated under the laws of this state which shall be authorized to acquire by condemnation, any land, earth or stone, or any interest therein, cannot agree with the owner or owners thereof, or if any of such owners be a *feme sole*, and without Power to condemn property.