

CHAP. 44. under the management, direction and government of five Trustees, and be perpetuated in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Corporate powers granted

Sec. 2 *And be it enacted*, That Joseph E. Muse, Samuel Lecompt, William W. Eccleston, Thomas Hayward and Anthony C. Thompson, be and they are hereby appointed Trustees of the said Academy, and the said Trustees, and their successors to be elected in the manner herein after mentioned, shall be, and they are hereby erected, established and declared to be, one community, corporation and body politic, with perpetual succession in deed and in law, to all intents and purposes connected with the said institution, by the name and style of the Cambridge Female Academy in Dorchester county, by which name and title they, the said trustees and their successors, shall be competent and capable in law and in equity, to take and to hold to themselves and their successors, for the use of the said Academy, any estate in any messuages, lands and tenements, annuities, goods, chattels, monies or effects, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, devise or bequest, of any person or persons whatsoever, provided the same do not exceed in the whole, the clear yearly value of five thousand dollars; and the same messuages, lands and tenements, and the other estate real and personal, to farm let and put out on interest for the use of the said Academy, in such manner as to them, or a majority of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, issues, profits, income and interest of the same, and to apply the emoluments thereof, to the proper use and advancement of the said Academy.

Vacancy of trustees supplied.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That at all times, forever hereafter, when any vacancy or vacancies shall happen in the said community of Trustees, by the death, resignation or refusal, of any one or more of the members thereof, or by the wilful neglect of any one or more of them to attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees for the space of two years the remaining Trustees, or a majority of them, shall, with all convenient speed, proceed to elect by ballot, other sensible and discreet person or persons of the said county, to be the Trustee or Trustees to supply such vacancy or vacancies, and in like manner shall future vacancies be supplied by the said Trustees and their successors, or a majority of them, so as to perpetuate the number of five persons as Trustees of the said Academy forever.

Legal powers conferred.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said Trustees and their successors, by the name and style aforesaid, shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any Court or Courts, and before any Judge, Justice or Justices within this State, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands, of whatsoever kind, nature or form they be, and all and every other matter or thing to do therein, in as full and effectual manner as any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate within this State, in like ca-