

CHAP. 174. church near Westminster; and that the said Trustees, by the name aforesaid, and their successors, to be elected as herein-after mentioned, shall have perpetual succession, and be able and capable in law to purchase, take, have, hold, receive and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee simple or for any lesser estate, any lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, or other real estate whatsoever, by grant, gift, bargain, sale, devise or otherwise; *Provided*, that the lands which shall be acquired by and vested in the said corporation, by virtue of this act, shall not exceed in the whole, the quantity of three hundred acres; and the same lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, and real estate, (excepting always the said church called Christ's church, and the lot of ground, grave yard, and appertenance thereto belonging, or therewith now used and occupied,) to give, grant, bargain, sell and convey, demise, or otherwise dispose of, in whole or in part, as to them shall seem meet, for the use of the said religious society; and also that the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in any suits or actions, and in all or any courts whatsoever; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, by the name aforesaid, to devise, make, have and use one common seal, to authenticate all and every the acts, deeds and instruments touching their business, and the same seal at their pleasure to break, alter and renew; and generally the said Trustees, by the name aforesaid, shall have, hold and enjoy, all and singular the rights, privileges, liberties and franchises, incident and belonging to a religious corporation or body politic, as fully and effectually, as any other religious corporation or body politic in this state, has right to have, hold and enjoy.

Trustees. **Sec. 2. And be it enacted**, That the first Trustees of the said corporation, shall be and consist of the following persons, to wit: the reverend Nicholas Zogely the present pastor of the said church, Jacob Mathias, William Arnold, Basil Hayden, Richard Fowler, and John Orendorf, members of the congregation worshipping in the said church; and the future Trustees of the said corporation, shall be and consist of the pastor of the said church for the time being, having been duly appointed according to the rules and discipline of the Catholic church, and five lay members of the congregation worshipping in the said church, to be appointed and elected in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Right to vote. **Sec. 3. And be it enacted**, That all and every the members of the said congregation holding a pew, or part of a pew in the said church, and paying for the same, or otherwise contributing towards the support of the said church, or to the pastor thereof, and having their names enrolled as such contributors, as aforesaid, on the books of the Trustees aforesaid, and none other, shall be entitled to vote for lay Trustees of the said