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and to hold to themselves and their successors for the use of the said academy, any estate in lands and tenements, goods, chattels, monies, stock, [*funds**] 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 to sell, convey, lease, loan, or otherwise dispose of for the use of the said academy in such manner as to them or a quorum of them shall seem most beneficial to the institution.

Proviso.

Vacancies—
how to be
supplied.

2. 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 trustees thereof, or by the wilful neglect of any one or more of them, to attend four succeeding stated meetings of the board of trustees, the surviving or remaining trustees or a quorum of them may proceed to elect by ballot other sensible, judicious and discreet person or persons of the county, to be the trustee or trustees to supply the vacancy or vacancies occasioned by the respective causes aforesaid; and in such manner may all future vacancy or vacancies be supplied by the said trustees and their successors or a quorum of them, so as to perpetuate not less than the number of twelve persons as trustees of the said academy forever.

Powers and
privileges.

3. 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 and elsewhere; in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters, and demands of whatsoever nature, kind or form they be, and all and every other matter or thing to do therein, in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate within this State or any other of the United States, in like cases may or can do or perform; and the said trustees, and their successors or a quorum of them, shall have full power and authority to have, make and use one common seal, with such devices and inscriptions as they shall think proper, and the same seal at their pleasure to break, alter or renew.

[* NOTE BY THE PRINTER.—The word "*funds*" is inserted in the original bill, but omitted in the *engrossed* bill.]