

Ballard, Charles L. Lawrence, John Miller, John S. Zieber, James Stewart and John W. Crisfield; and such other persons as now are or hereafter may become subscribers, and their successors be, and they are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name, style and title of the "Franklin School of Somerset county," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity in this State or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at their pleasure, and also to ordain and establish such bye laws and ordinances as shall appear necessary for regulating the concerns of the school, and for promoting literature within the same, not being repugnant to the laws of this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid members and their successors by the same name shall be able and capable in law to purchase, have and enjoy to them and their successors, in fee or any less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, annuities, pensions or other hereditaments within this State, by gift, grant, bargain or sale, alienation, encoffment, release or confirmation of any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, capable in law to make the same; and such lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions or other hereditaments or any less estates, rights, interests of, or in the same at their pleasure to grant, alien, sell and transfer in such manner and form as they shall think meet and convenient for the furtherance of the objects of the said society; *provided nevertheless*, that the said body corporate and politic or association shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal and mixed, exceeding the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the election for trustees shall be held on the first Monday of May, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and on the first Monday of every succeeding May, at the said school house, which said election shall be by ballot, and conducted as follows, to wit: every subscriber to said institution shall be allowed one vote for every five dollars by him or her subscribed and paid, and the five persons having the greatest number of votes shall be

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