



LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF DELAWARE.

CHAPTER I.

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I.

AN ACT *for the relief of Josiah Bunker, of Newcastle county, in this State.*

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PASSED AT DOVER, }
January 19, 1820. }

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CHAPTER II.

A SUPPLEMENT *to the act entitled "An act to authorize and empower the owners and possessors of the marsh, cripple and low-grounds, lying on Muddy-branch in Little-creek hundred in Kent county, to ditch, drain and bank the same."*

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p. 351.

PASSED AT DOVER, }
January 19, 1820. }

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CHAPTER III.

AN ACT *to incorporate the owners and possessors of Crane hook marsh in the hundred and county of Newcastle.*

WHEREAS there is a tract of marsh meadow ground, Preamble, lying and being in the hundred and county of Newcastle, known by the name of Crane hook marsh,

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bounded by the River Delaware and Christiana creek, beginning at a point of fast land, owned by Isaac Stedham, on the River Delaware, and running along said River and Christiana creek to a point of fast land owned by John Platt, on Christiana creek: and whereas there never has been any marsh law, nor act of incorporation to regulate and govern the owners of said marsh—

SEC. 1. Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met, That the present owners of said marsh, and their successors, be, now are, and hereafter shall be, one body politic and corporate in deed and in law to all intents and purposes, by the name, style and title of “the owners of Crane hook marsh.”

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said corporation be, and hereafter 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 courts of law and equity, or in any other place whatsoever, and to do and execute all and singular other matters and things which bodies politic or corporate lawfully may do.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the members of the aforesaid corporation shall have power, on the second Tuesday of February next, and on the second Tuesday of every February annually thereafter, to appoint two managers and one treasurer for the said company, to act as such for one year. And the said managers shall have authority to levy, on the property of the Crane hook marsh company, from time to time, and the same to collect and apply, all such tax or taxes as may be, by them, deemed necessary for carrying fully into effect the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the said corporation shall and may hereafter make ordain and establish such by-laws regulations and ordinances, as to them shall seem necessary and convenient for the

gouvernment of said corporation, and the same to alter and amend from time to time as they may find convenient and necessary: *Provided nevertheless,* that after the first by-laws and ordinances are established, the same shall not be altered or amended, unless three months' previous notice be given to every individual owner or possessor, and not then unless two-thirds of all the owners agree thereto: and it is further provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the said corporation to exercise any powers repugnant or contrary to the laws or constitution of this State.

provided the by-laws first made be not altered unless &c.;

and that no powers be exercised contrary to the laws of the State;

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to have and use a common seal, and to break and alter the same and establish another or others, with such device as they shall think proper; and that all acts, certified under that or any other seal of the said corporation, relating to the affairs thereof, shall have full faith and credit in and before all and every the courts and jurisdictions within this State.

to have a common seal &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons shall think him her or themselves aggrieved by any act or acts of said corporation, he she or they may apply to the judges of the supreme court for Newcastle county, who, upon such application, are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint five good disinterested men, owners of and being accustomed to marshes and banking, in the hundred of Newcastle, who shall, upon ten days' notice given to the parties, go on the premises and view the same upon their oath or affirmations, or a majority of them, shall say what damage, if any, has been done by said corporation, and to fix and determine the amount thereof, and to whom done, and make return thereof to the next sitting of the supreme court, upon which judgment shall be entered; and if it shall be found that any person has sustained

Persons aggrieved by acts of the company may appeal to the supreme court; proceedings of the court on such appeal.

Damages found shall be

paid by the damage, then, and in such case, said corporation
company &c. shall immediately pay the same.

PASSED AT DOVER, }
20 January, 1820. }

CHAPTER IV.

AN ACT *confirming the title to certain property
in Andrew Noeb.*

PASSED AT DOVER, }
24 January, 1820. }

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CHAPTER V.

AN ACT *to incorporate the members of the Dela-
ware fire company of Wilmington.*

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fire company
of Wilming-
ton incorpora-
ted ;

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and House
of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in Ge-
neral Assembly met,* That Henry J. Pepper, Isaac
Jackson, George W. Worrell, Vincent Gilpin, Samuel
Harker, John F. Gilpin, John D. Vaughan, John
D. Wood, John M. Lear, Lewis Rumford, Wesley
M'Clung, Israel D. Jones, James Webb, Samuel
Brown, Jesse Mendenhall, E. W. Buckman, Josi-
ah H. Gilpin, George Bush, Thomas S. Newlin,
Charles Reynolds, William P. Alrichs, John Guy-
er, Henry Vining, Israel Saunders, James P. Mer-
rihew, Jacob Simmons, William Simmons, Archi-
bald Bingham, John R. Brinokle, William D. Brinc-
kle, William Johnston, Reuben Webb, James S.
White, Thomas Cole, jr. Samuel Ash, Mahlon
Betts, Benjamin W. Brackin, George Griffin, Ed-
mund S. Ray, A. V. Mattson, Peter A. Humphreys,
Thomas G. Cable, Thomas A. Sterrett, James
Brown, John Virtue, Samuel Hogg, Ezekiel Harker,
James Watson, John Wright, and such other per-
sons as shall hereafter be admitted or become mem-

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bers of the Delaware fire company of Wilmington, according to the laws and constitution of the said company hereafter to be made, be and forever hereafter shall be, by virtue of these presents, one body politic and corporate, in deed, fact, name and in law, to have continuance forever by the name of "the Delaware fire company of Wilmington."

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation and their successors shall forever hereafter be persons able and capable in law, to have, hold and enjoy all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises and hereditaments, goods, chattels and other things of what nature, kind or quality soever, and also to give, grant, let, sell or assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, and to do and execute all other things about the same, by the name aforesaid; and also that they and their successors, by the name of the Delaware fire company of Wilmington, be and shall forever hereafter be persons able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all or any of the courts or other places and before any judges justices or other persons whatsoever, in all manner of actions suits complaints pleas causes or matters whatsoever and of what nature or kind soever.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Delaware fire company of Wilmington and their successors forever hereafter to have and use a common seal with such device or devices as they shall think proper for sealing all and singular deeds grants conveyances contracts bonds articles of agreement assignments powers and all and singular other affairs touching or concerning the said corporation.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said company and their successors to assemble and meet together, as often as occasion may require, at such convenient place or places as they may from time to time appoint, due notice being

given of the same; and shall have full power and authority, from time to time, to make constitute and establish such laws, statutes, orders and constitutions, as shall appear to them, or the major part of them, to be good and useful, honest and necessary, according to the best of their judgment and discretion, for the government, regulation and direction of the company, and every member thereof, and for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of such and so many officers as they shall think fit, and for limiting and appointing their trust and authority, and for the admitting of new members, and to do all things concerning the government, estate, goods, lands and revenues, as also all the business and affairs of the said company; all which laws, statutes, orders and constitutions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member, and be, from time to time, inviolably observed according to the tenor and effect of them: *Provided* they be not repugnant or contrary to the constitution and laws of this State or of the United States: *Provided always nevertheless*, that the yearly rents and profits of the whole real estate, to be held and enjoyed by the said corporate body, or by their successors, or by any person or persons for their use, shall not exceed or amount to more than five hundred dollars lawful money of this State.

and make by-laws &c.

Election of officers,

new members.

Provisoes.

PASSED AT DOVER, }
26 January, 1820. }

CHAPTER VI.

AN ACT to divorce Ruth Harper and Nathaniel Harper, from the bonds of matrimony.

PASSED AT DOVER, }
27 January, 1820. }

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AN ACT authorizing Robert Boyce of the county of Sussex, to use and employ his slaves, now in the said county, upon the lands of said Robert Boyce in the State of Maryland.

PASSED AT DOVER, }
27 January, 1820. }

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CHAPTER VIII.

AN ACT for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Sorden deceased.

PASSED AT DOVER, }
1 February, 1820. }

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CHAPTER IX.

AN ACT for the relief of Samuel L. Eccles and Joseph Eccles, of Newcastle county in this State.

PASSED AT DOVER, }
February 2, 1820. }

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CHAPTER X.

AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT to the act⁴ vol. ch. 165,
entitled "An act to prevent injury by dogs in"^{p 469}
Newcastle county."⁵ vol. ch. 143,
p. 242.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met, That the act entitled "A supplement to an act entitled An act to prevent injury by dogs in Newcastle county," passed the fourth

Repeal—

of ch. 143,
vol. 5, p. 242;

day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and the second, third and fourth sections of the act entitled "An act to prevent injury by dogs in Newcastle county," passed the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, be and the same are hereby declared to be repealed: *Provided &c.* *Provided however,* that they shall be in force as relates to the collection and paying over the tax on dogs heretofore levied and assessed.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That it shall be lawful, after the first day of May next, for any person or persons to kill any dog or slut, running at large, in Newcastle county, beyond the owners premises, without a collar, affixed around its neck, having the initial of the christian and the whole of the sur-name of the owner thereof legibly inscribed thereon.

PASSED AT DOVER, }
2 February, 1820. }

CHAPTER XI.

1 vol. ch. 131, A SUPPLEMENT to an act entitled "An act for
a p. 316 erecting public bridges causeways and laying
see 5 vol. p. out and maintaining highways."
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SEC. 1. *BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met,* That whenever freeholders shall, under any order of the court of quarter sessions of the peace, proceed to lay out any road in Kent county, they shall, in addition to the damages by them assessed, make return to such court a true account of the probable expenses of laying out such road: and the return of said road, with the estimate of the expenses and damages, shall be laid before the levy-court of the said county; and such road shall not be opened, until after the return thereof shall be approved by the levy-court as well as by the court of quarter sessions of the peace.

No new road shall be opened in Kent county, until the return thereof be approved by the levy-court, as well as the court of quarter sessions &c.
1 vol. 320.
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2 vol. 1268.