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An Act to incorporate certain Persons, Inhabi-
 tants of Providence, and their Associates, for
 the Relief of indigent Women and Children.

WHEREAS Lydia Clark, Avis Brown, Sarah Jenckes, Peddy Bowen, Hepz. Mumford, Elizabeth Burrill, Mary Bowen, Mary B. Howell, Elizabeth Nightingale, Elizabeth Brown, Rebecca Munro, Abigail Peck, Anna Eliza Clark, Harriet Clark, Rebecca S. Munro, Sally Burrill, Sally Butler, Abigail Packard, Mary Vinton, Abby B. Martin, S. Mumford, Hetty Atwell, Eliza Rogers, Patience Arnold, Mary Burgess, Amy Angell, Esther Angell, Margaret D. Packard, Sarah Bowen, Betsey Martin, Deborah Olney, Martha H. Jordan, Abby Olney, Joanna Barnes, Nao. I. Whipple, Abby C. Smith, Lydia Allen, Polly Atwell, Mina Olney, Frances Snow, Rebecca Sonw, Ann Ames, Mary B. Brown, Ann C. Brown, Eliza R. Ward, Eliza I. Ward, Sarah E. Bowen, Julia Bowen, Sarah C. Howell, Sarah Halsey, Waitfill Dexter, Polly Dexter, Nancy Carlile, Frances Moore, Mary Young, Abby Francis, Sarah Herehoff, Alice Mason, Rebecca Jenckes, Susan Magee, Patience Page, Sarah Page, Rebecca Power, Betsey Lippitt, Lothrop, Harriet Thayer,

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October, 1802.

Thayer, Susan Corlis, W. Allen, of Providence, have preferred a petition to this Assembly, representing that they have formed themselves into a society for the relief of indigent women and children; that they have raised, by voluntary subscription, upwards of fifteen hundred dollars, as a fund to be applied to the charitable purposes of their institution; that very beneficial effects have already resulted from it, and that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, still greater may reasonably be expected; that if they can be favoured with a charter of incorporation, they are encouraged to hope their present funds will be greatly increased; and that by the possession of the powers of a corporation, they shall be enabled more effectually to accomplish the benevolent views of their original association:

This General Assembly, having maturely considered the aforesaid petition, and being willing and desirous to afford all due encouragement to the charitable and highly praiseworthy undertaking of the petitioners, *Do enact, and by the authority thereof it is hereby enacted*, That the said Lydia Clark and others petitioners aforesaid, and their associates, shall be and are hereby created and made a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of *the Providence female charitable society*; and by that name shall be and are hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and effects of whatsoever kind or nature, and the same to give, grant, sell, demise, alien, or dispose of; to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended against, in all proper Courts; and also to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure; and also to ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as shall from time to time seem necessary and convenient, for the government of the said corporation and the furtherance and promotion of the laudable design of their institution; and generally, to do and execute all and singular acts, matters and things, which to them it shall or may appertain to do. Provided always, that such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, be not contrary to law, and be conformable to the constitution of said corporation, as herein after declared and enacted.

And whereas the aforesaid petitioners have agreed on, and proposed to this Assembly for their approbation and sanction, a form of constitution for the aforesaid corporation, and the same being duly considered and approved.

Section 2. *Be it therefore enacted*, That the following be the constitution of said corporation, being the same proposed and approved as aforesaid, to wit:

Article 1. The stated meetings of this society shall be at Providence, on the first Wednesday in April and October, annually. The former shall be considered as the anniversary. Nine members shall be competent to transact business.

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Article 2. Members shall be admitted into the society by a vote of the board of Directors. Besides such donations as her charity may suggest, every member shall annually subscribe the sum of three dollars, to be paid at the anniversary meeting.

Article 3. The direction of the affairs of the society shall be vested in a first and second Directress, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and six Managers ; all of whom shall be chosen on the first Wednesday in April, annually, by a majority of ballots from among the members present.

Article 4. The first Directress shall preside at all meetings, both of the society and the Managers ; state subjects for discussion and declare the decision. In equal divisions she shall have the casting vote. With the advice of the board, she shall call special meetings of the society, see that its regulations be duly observed, and take an active superintendance of its general welfare. Should she be prevented from performing her duties, they shall devolve, for the time being, upon the second Directress ; and if both be absent from any meeting of the society or the board, a Directress shall be chosen for that meeting.

Article 5. The Secretary shall keep a register of the members' names ; collect the dues, and pay them into the hands of the Treasurer ; notify the meetings of the society ; record their proceedings, and render, at every stated meeting, a regular account of money received by her and paid to the Treasurer, and of money still due. She shall likewise attend the meetings of the Managers, and examine their accounts.

Article 6. The Treasurer shall take charge of the money collected for the society ; make their disbursements ; attend the meetings of the Managers ; examine their expenditures, and render to the society, at every stated meeting, an account of its funds, and of her receipts and payments.

Article 7. The Managers shall meet twice a month, for mutual counsel and information. Two shall be competent to transact business. The Treasurer and Secretary shall have a seat at their board, and a vote in their decisions. The proportion of the society's bounty to be expended every month, shall be divided among the Managers only, and their several shares applied by each at discretion, to the proper objects. Any member of the society may make known to the Managers, such objects of charity as fall within her knowledge. Every Manager shall insert in a book, kept for that purpose, the names, places of abode, and circumstances, of the persons whom she relieves, together with the names and ages of their children, and the amount and kind of relief granted each family ; which book shall be presented at every meeting of the Managers, and punctually sent by those who cannot attend. Every Manager shall endeavour to find schools for the children on her book, and places in sober virtuous families, for such of them as may be fit for service. No applicant can be transferred from the charge of one Manager to that of another, but by agreement between themselves. The Managers shall exert them-
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themselves to create and maintain habits of industry among their applicants, by furnishing them, as far as possible, with suitable employment. At the end of every month, the Managers shall make up their accounts and give a receipt to the Treasurer, for the amount of their expenditures. Relief shall not be granted to any applicants, until they have been visited at their dwelling, by one of the Managers, and particular enquiry be made into their characters and circumstances. Immorality excludes from the patronage of the society. No applicant, unless in special cases, of which the board shall judge, shall be relieved, who refuses to put to service or trade such of her children as are fit, and to place the younger ones, of a proper age, at schools. Relief shall be given in necessaries; never in money, but by a vote of the board. As soon as the funds of the society are sufficiently large, a suitable house shall be provided, and a Governess engaged, to superintend a small number (at first) of female children, from five to ten years of age, where they shall be taught to read, write, sew, and perform every branch of domestic business. They shall be clothed alike in plain attire, and encouraged in good behaviour by suitable tokens of approbation from the board, at their quarterly meetings. Any one, to whom a child is indentured who is upwards of fifteen years of age, and has been taught to read, write and sew, shall pay the society ten dollars, which shall be given her at the expiration of her service, if her conduct shall have merited the approbation of the board. The children shall be taught reading and writing an hour, twice each day; after which they shall return to their domestic employments. The Governess shall lead the children, every sabbath, to public Worship.

Article 8. The funds of the society, which arise from annual subscriptions and donations from ladies and gentlemen, shall in part be expended in the purchase of fuel, other necessaries, and of materials for the employment of women; and such a part as the society may judge advisable, shall be appropriated by the ladies in office to the establishment of a permanent fund.

And whereas at the last stated meeting of said society, the ladies hereafter named were appointed to the offices written against their respective names, to wit:

Mrs. LYDIA CLARK, first, }
Mrs. AVIS BROWN, second, } *Directress.*

Mrs. ELIZABETH BURRILL, }
Mrs. HEPZ. MUMFORD, }
Mrs. SALLY JENCKES, } *Managers.*
Mrs. PEDDY BOWEN, }

Miss MARY BOWEN, *Treasurer,*
Miss MARY B. HOWELL, *Secretary.*

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the ladies aforesaid be continued in their respective offices aforesaid, until the stated election on the first Wednesday in April next.*

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 to examine the report of a committee, consisting of James Sheldon
 Thomas Peckham, heretofore made to the General Assembly, re-
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