

JANUARY 1838.

At the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, begun and holden by adjournment at Providence within and for said State, on the second Monday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, and of Independence the fifty-seventh.

PRESENT,

His Excellency

LEMUEL H. ARNOLD,

GOVERNOR.

His Honor

CHARLES COLLINS,

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

STEPHEN STEERE,
BENJAMIN SMITH,
STEPHEN B. CORNELL,
SAMUEL W. KING,
WAGER WEEDEN,
THOMAS WHIPPLE,
DUTEE ARNOLD,
ETHAN FOSTER, Esquires,

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*An Act to Incorporate certain persons by the name of the
 Woonsocket Falls Baptist Socitey.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly* Baptist
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and by the authority thereof it is enacted, That Peter Si-
 monson, Joseph Copeland, Philip C. Bryant, Thomas
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 John Reid and Ira Leland, together with such others
 as shall hereafter be elected by them, they and their
 successors be, and they are hereby created a body cor-
 porate and politic, with perpetual succession, by the
 name of the Woonsocket Falls Baptist Society; for the
 purpose of erecting and maintaining a meeting house
 for the public worship of Almighty God, in the village
 of Woonsocket Falls, in the town of Cumberland, and
 for the purpose of supporting and promulgating the
 christian religion: and by that name shall be able and
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 trates whomsoever, to take, receive and hold all monies
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 ing in all the sum of ten thousand dollars; and all and
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 grant, convey or dispose of, in such manner as they shall
 judge expedient, at their will and pleasure: to have and
 use a common seal, and the same to alter or renew at
 pleasure; and at any of their meetings to enact and pass
 such rules, regulations and by-laws for the government
 of said corporation and the management of the affairs
 thereof as they may think proper and necessary: Pro-
 vided, however, the same be not repugnant to this act of

incorporation, the laws of this State, or of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall and may hold an annual meeting on the first Monday in January in each and every year, and such other meetings at other times as they shall see cause; to be called and notified in such way and manner as they shall prescribe, to transact their business; and that seven members of said corporation of which the president, treasurer or secretary thereof, shall always be one, shall be necessary to form a quorum.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation at their said annual meeting, shall elect out of their own body, a president, treasurer and secretary, and such other officers as they may think proper, who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year, and until others shall be chosen in their stead: Provided however, that if said corporation shall fail at any time of holding any of said annual meetings, such failure shall not in any way impair or invalidate this act, but said corporation may elect their said officers at any other meeting thereof, within one year after the annual meeting.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the said treasurer of said corporation shall before he acts in said office, give bond to said corporation to the satisfaction of the president thereof, for the faithful performance of the trusts and duties of said office, that the treasurer shall keep a fair record of all the funds and pecuniary concerns of the corporation, and shall at every annual meeting and oftener, if required, render to said corporation a fair and distinct account of all their funds, and all the monies received and paid out by him on their account.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all the funds and income of said corporation shall be exclusively devoted to the maintenance and support of public worship and the exercise of the ordinances of the christian religion, according to the forms and usages of the Baptist denomination of christians, for the sole use of which denomination the house or houses of public worship hereafter erected by said corporation shall be maintained and set apart; reserving however, to any

of the donors, to said money or estate toward the building house to be built; invite any ordained christians, to hold the meeting house, when usually occupied for a preacher of the Baptist denomination; nothing herein contained shall infringe in any manner the rights of said house.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That Bryant be the first president, and Ira be the first treasurer, and Ira be the first secretary of said corporation, to continue until the first Monday in January next; and three hundred and thirty four members shall be elected by said corporation.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall file a copy of this general assembly thereof, or in a

Upon the petition of the estate of the said deceased, represented therein stated, for the purpose of the said deceased, Voted and ordered that the petition be, and the said Daniel V. be authorized and empowered to execute the said deceased deed in part of the town of South main-street, block 12, and easterly on the land of A. Howland; measuring and extending back nine feet and improving the deeds thereof executed in his said capacity, shewers thereof, all the said deceased at the said premises: Pro

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of the donors, to said corporation, who shall contribute money or estate towards the erection of the first meeting house to be built by said corporation, the right to invite any ordained preacher of any denomination of christians, to hold meetings for public worship in said meeting house, whenever said house shall not be actually occupied for that purpose by some ordained preacher of the Baptist denomination: provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to infringe in any manner the rights of the pew holders in said house.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That Philip C. Bryant be the first president, Darius Sibley, the first treasurer, and Ira Leland, the first secretary of said corporation, to continue in their respective offices until the first Monday in January one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, and until other persons shall be elected by said corporation.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That this act of incorporation shall forever be subject to all future acts of this general assembly, either in amendment or repeal thereof, or in any wise affecting the same.

Upon the petition of Daniel V. Ross, administrator upon the estate of Sanford Ross, late of Providence deceased, represented insolvent, praying for reasons therein stated, for power to sell real estate of the said deceased, *Voted and Resolved,* That the prayer of said petition be, and the same is hereby granted; and that the said Daniel V. Ross in his said capacity be authorized and empowered to sell a certain lot of land of which the said deceased died seized, situated in the southerly part of the town of Providence, on the easterly side of south main-street, bounded as follows, to wit: northerly and easterly on land of Joseph A. Chedel, southerly on land of A. Howard and westerly on said south main street; measuring on said street seventy-six feet, and extending back ninety feet, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon: and that a deed or deeds thereof executed by the said Daniel V. Ross in his said capacity, shall vest in the purchaser or purchasers thereof, all the right, title and interest which the said deceased at the time of his decease had in and to said premises: Provided, however, that the same be

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