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At the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, begun and holden by adjournment at Newport, within and for said State, on the fourth Monday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and of Independence the fifty-ninth—

**PRESENT:**

HIS EXCELLENCY,

**JOHN BROWN FRANCIS,**

*GOVERNOR:*

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**GEORGE ENGS,**

*LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:*

SANFORD ALMY,  
SAMUEL W. KING,  
WAGER WEEDEN,  
THOMAS COREY, JR.  
STEPHEN STEERE,  
BYRON DIMAN,

} *SENATORS.*

*The Secretary.*

ford be and he is hereby appointed a trustee of said property in behalf of the members of said corps, and for the benefit of the creditors of the same; with full power to sell and dispose of said property: and it shall be his duty to distribute the proceeds of the same among said creditors, ratably, according to their several claims, and to take out and preserve proper discharges for all payments made.

An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in East Greenwich.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly and by the authority thereof it is enacted,* That Oliver Wickes Daniel Greene, Ezra Pollard, Robert B. Hall, Thomas G. Allen, Fones G. Hill, and David G. Hunt, and others who may hereafter be appointed, not exceeding nine in the whole, trustees of a meeting house located in East Greenwich, and their successors in office forever, shall be and are hereby constituted, created and made a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession, by the name and style of The Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in East Greenwich; and by that name and style shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, defend and be defended against; to plead and be impleaded in all courts and places, and before all proper judges whomsoever: to take, have hold and enjoy in trust, lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods, chattels and monies, by gift, devise, or otherwise, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars: and the same to aliene sell, convey and dispose of. To have a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure; to make and ordain all necessary rules, regulations and by-laws for the well governing said corporation, or the management of the affairs thereof; provided the same are not repugnant to the laws of the state, and the provisions of this act.

Methodist Church E. Greenwich.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the following articles shall be the constitution of said society and adopted as part of this act of incorporation.

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Methodist Episcopal Church and Proprietors Meeting house in East Greenwich.

Art. 2. There shall be an annual meeting of the corporation on the first monday in January forever, for the purpose of regulating their business, electing a secretary treasurer and such other officers as they may think necessary.

Art. 3. The secretary, and treasurer who have been elected to their respective offices, shall continue in office until others are elected in their stead.

Art. 4. When any vacancy or vacancies in the corporation shall occur by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the treasurer or secretary shall have power to notify and convene the remaining trustees; who shall appoint a sufficient number to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

Art. 5. The said trustees and their successors in office forever as a body politic, shall have power to apportion and assess taxes for the necessary repairs and insurance of the meeting house, on the pews according to the valuation made previous to their distribution: and when such apportionment and assessment is made, shall thereupon as soon as may be, give notice thereof, and of the time fixed for the payment of said assessment, to the owners of said pews: and if any proprietor or proprietors of a pew or pews shall neglect to pay within the time limited for the payment thereof, the whole or any part of his, her or their assessment or assessments, apportioned and assessed as aforesaid, then said corporation shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell at public auction, the pew or pews on which said assessment or assessments or any part thereof remain unpaid, notice of such sale having been first given for the space of three weeks by posting a notification thereof on the door of the meeting house. And the treasurer shall give to the purchaser or purchasers, a transfer of the same: and the surplus of the sale of such pew or pews if any, after deducting the amount of said assessment or assessments and all costs which may have accrued in the collection thereof, shall be paid over to the delinquent proprietor or proprietors: and said treasurer shall be authorized to officiate as auctioneer in all sales at public auction of property held in trust for said church by said corporation.

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Art. 6. Before the transfer of any pew or pews in said meeting house shall be valid, the same shall be recorded by the secretary of said corporation, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose.

Art. 7. Any five trustees legally convened shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act and every thing herein contained, shall be at all times subject to all acts of the general assembly in amendment or repeal thereof, or in any way affecting the same.

The undersigned commissioners of the Burrillville Bank, respectfully make report, that since the session of the assembly in May, nothing has transpired which it is deemed necessary to be communicated to your honorable body. Respectfully submitted by  
LEVI HAILE,  
ALBERT G. GREENE.  
*Commissioners.*

Burrillville Bank

*Resolved,* that N. S. Ruggles and Thomas W. Dorr, with the sheriffs of the counties of Newport and Providence, be a committee authorized to permit under their direction, such alteration to be made in the seats for the judges in the state houses in Newport and Providence, as may better accommodate the judges of the United States courts. No alteration to be allowed which may interfere with the accommodation required by the members of the general assembly.

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An Act, in addition to an Act, relating to poor persons imprisoned for debt.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for any judge of the supreme judicial court, or court of common pleas, or any justice of the peace, who shall be present at the time and place to which any

Poor Prisoners.