

thereof, as is repugnant to the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

An act in amendment of an act incorporating the Minister, Church Wardens, Vestry and Congregation of St. Michael's Church, passed at June session A. D. 1820.

St. Michael's church  
Bristol.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted,* that the said corporation shall be, and hereby is authorized to impose, levy and collect from the pews in their church edifice, according to their relative value, to be ascertained by a committee to be by them appointed for that purpose, such taxes from time to time, as may in their opinion be necessary, to defray the expense of insuring, repairing and preserving their church edifice and its enclosures; and to enforce the payment of such taxes by sale of the pews on which the taxes shall remain unpaid for the space of sixty days after they shall become payable, according to such by-laws as may be adopted by said corporation: *Provided* that the surplus remaining after payment of such taxes and expenses of sale, shall be paid over to the owner or owners of said pews.

An act to incorporate certain persons as a society by the name of St. Luke's Church in East Greenwich.

Whereas divers persons have petitioned this general assembly for an act of incorporation, to enable them and their associates to establish and maintain a religious society, according to the rites and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

St. Luke's church.

*Section I. Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted,* that Charles Eldredge, Joseph J. Tillinghast, and Daniel Greene, together with their associates, whose names are subscribed to the petition referred to in the preamble to this act, and such others as may hereafter become

members of this corporation, be, and they and their successors forever, are hereby created a body corporate and politic with perpetual succession, by the name of St. Luke's Church in East Greenwich; for the purpose of establishing and supporting public worship, in any church or place of worship that may be occupied or owned by said corporation, according to the rites and usages of the protestant episcopal church of the united states; and the said society are hereby authorized and full power is hereby given unto them, to take, receive and hold all monies and other property raised by voluntary subscription, contribution and donation; and also to receive and hold all legacies and estates real or personal, which have been heretofore, or may at any time hereafter be given. And they are also empowered to have, possess and acquire lands, tenements, hereditaments, or any goods and chattels, to an amount not exceeding in value at any one time, twenty thousand dollars; and all and singular the estate, and property aforesaid, to lease, grant, convey, or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge expedient, at their will and pleasure; to have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at pleasure; and shall be capable in law as a body corporate, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended against, in all courts and places, and before all proper judges whatever.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, that there shall be a meeting of the society aforesaid, on Easter Monday, yearly forever, for the purpose of regulating their business, electing wardens, vestry secretary and treasurer; and the minister, wardens and a majority of the vestry, be, and they are hereby authorised to convene said society at any time and place in East-Greenwich when they may judge it advantageous to the interest of the society.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, that the wardens and vestry who have been elected to their respective offices, be, and they are hereby continued in office until the annual meeting on Easter Monday next.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the vestry of St. Lukes Church for the time being, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, may hold meetings

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at such times as they may think proper, for the purpose of exercising a general superintendence and direction over the concerns and disposition of the funds of the corporation, for the purposes specified in this act, and for the promotion of its interests, and the furtherance of public worship according to the rites and usages of the protestant episcopal church in the United States: *Provided* that no transfer of the permanent funds or property of said corporation shall be valid unless assented to at a legal meeting of the corporation.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, that a proper book or books shall be provided by the society, for the purpose of registering and keeping an accurate account of all subscriptions, contributions, legacies and donations made to their society; and also the names of the donors, and their places of residence, and the time of their being made.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, that the said society at any of their meetings, may admit into their body such persons as shall wish to become members; and may appoint committees to prosecute the orders of the society, and to audit the treasurer's accounts, as often as they shall think proper. And full power is hereby granted unto the said society at any of their meetings, to make such rules, regulations and by-laws as they or the majority of them shall agree to, for the better regulating the affairs of said society; provided that such rules or by-laws be not contrary or repugnant to this act, the laws of this state, or of the United States.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, that said corporation shall be and are hereby empowered to assess and levy on the pews of their church, in a ratable proportion to the fixed valuation thereof, to be hereafter made by said corporation, and to collect from the owners of such pews, all sums of money they may vote to be necessary and requisite, for the repairs and insurance of said church; and in case said taxes so assessed shall remain unpaid for the space of ninety days after assessment, the pews on which the same are assessed and remain unpaid, may be sold at public auction, at such time and under such restrictions, and by such officers as the said corporation shall

direct; and the surplus remaining after payment of such taxes and expenses of sale, shall be paid over to the owner or owners of said pews.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, that this act of incorporation shall be forever subject to all acts of the general assembly, in amendment or repeal thereof, or in any way affecting the same.

Upon the petitions of Henry Prophet and John<sup>H Prophet  
et. al. lib-  
erated.</sup> Tennant, convicts confined in the jail in the county of Kent, praying for liberation: *Voted and resolved*, that the prayer of said petitions be and the same is hereby granted; and that the sheriff of said county is authorised and directed to discharge them accordingly.

Upon the petition of Sylvanus Westgate, now con-<sup>SWestgate  
liberated.</sup> fined in jail in the county of Newport, for non-payment of a fine imposed for a violation of the laws concerning the militia: *Voted and resolved*, that said fine and costs of suit be remitted; and that the sheriff of said county is hereby authorised and directed to release said Westgate from jail.

Upon the petitions of Benjamin Colvin and David<sup>D Trask  
et. al. lib-  
erated.</sup> Trask, convicts now confined in jail in the county of Providence, praying for liberation: *Voted and resolved*, that the prayer of said petitions be, and the same is hereby granted; and the sheriff of said county is hereby authorised and directed to release them from jail accordingly.

Upon the petition of Ruby Ann Vaughn, now of<sup>RAVaughn  
for divorce</sup> Providence in the county of Providence, praying for the reasons therein stated, that she may be authorized to prefer a petition to the next term of the supreme judicial court in said county, for divorce from her husband Christopher Vaughn, and in the same manner as if she had resided within this state for the space of three years before her preferring said petition: *Voted and resolved*, that the prayer of said petition be, and the same is hereby granted; and that she is hereby