

towns be and they are hereby empowered to make choice of new Assessors and Collectors, for assessing and collecting the said Tax.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Tax be received by the Collectors, and paid into the General Treasury, in silver and gold, in the current notes of any of the Banks established within this State, in orders drawn on the General Treasury, and in the paper money of 1786, at the established rate of exchange: *Provided always*, That the apportionment aforesaid shall not be drawn into precedent in any future Tax.

Voted and Resolved, That the petition of Preserved Davis be and the same is hereby excepted from the act passed this session granting a stay of proceedings against the body of the petitioners for the benefit of the insolvent act, so far as the same relates to stay of proceedings against his body, and that proceedings be not stayed against said petitioner. P. Davis vs. creditors.

Upon the petition of James D'Wolf and others, praying that the charter granted to Nathaniel Mauro and others in the year 1803, incorporating "certain persons by the name of St. Michaels' Church in Bristol," may be altered, amended and enlarged: Charter amended

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted*, That the minister, church wardens, vestry and congregation of said St. Michaels' Church, be, and they and their successors forever are, hereby made and constituted and confirmed to be a body corporate and politic, with perpetual succession, by the name of "St. Michaels' Church in Bristol;" and by that name shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to defend and be defended against, in all courts and places, and before all proper judges whomsoever; to take, receive and hold all monies and other property, by voluntary subscription, contribution, donation or otherwise; also all legacies and devises of real and personal estate; and also to have, hold, possess and acquire lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods, chattels and property of every description, and all and singular the property aforesaid to lease, grant,

convey or dispose of, as they may judge expedient, for the purposes aforesaid, at their will and pleasure; to have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure; and to make by laws when necessary, provided the same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, and the laws of this State.

Sec. 2. That there shall be an annual meeting of said corporation on Easter Monday, yearly and every year, at which meeting there shall, and at all other legal meetings there may be, if necessary, elected two wardens, thirteen vestrymen, of whom the minister for the time being shall be one, and shall ex officio be moderator at all meetings thereof, and a Secretary who shall be vestry clerk, and such other officers as shall be judged necessary; and that legal meetings may at any time be called by the minister and wardens, by seven members of the vestry, or by twelve members of the corporation, on giving reasonable notice; and that at any of the meetings aforesaid, any of the affairs of the corporation may be attended to, transacted and performed.

Sec. 3. That although the said corporation should not, from any cause or circumstance, hold their annual meeting on Easter Monday of every year hereafter, yet this act of incorporation shall not thereupon cease and determine, but shall nevertheless continue and be in full force, and officers may be chosen, and the affairs and business of said corporation may be transacted and performed, at any subsequent meeting thereof, which may be convened in the manner prescribed in the second section of this act.

Sec. 4. That the wardens and vestry of said St. Michaels' Church, for the time being, shall have the entire and sole control, management and disposition of all property and funds of said incorporation, in trust nevertheless and for the use of said corporation, and for the sole support and promotion of the public worship of Almighty God, according to the discipline, canons, rites, usages, ceremonies and liturgy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; that the wardens and vestrymen shall elect annually, or oftener if necessary, to secure the funds and property of said corporation, a Treasurer, who shall keep fair accounts of the property and funds

aforsaid, and of the use, management and disposition of the same, and shall make an annual statement and report of the same to the said corporation, at their annual meeting and at other meetings legally called, if such statement and report be deemed necessary by a vote of said corporation.

Sec. 5. That all donations made to said corporation shall be strictly used and applied according to the directions of the donors; and that all deeds and conveyances made by said corporation shall be made by the treasurer thereof, to which said deeds and conveyances the seal of said corporation shall be affixed.

Sec. 6. That the lot of land in Bristol on which the Episcopal Church now stands, be forever used for the benefit of said corporation, as it now is and heretofore has been; and that the church erected thereon and called St. Michael's Church, be forever devoted and appropriated to the public worship of Almighty God, according to the discipline, usages, canons, rites, ceremonies and liturgy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Sec. 7. That each male owner of a pew in St. Michael's Church in Bristol, or lessee or hirer of a pew, or any part of a pew in said church, for one year or any longer term, may be admitted a member of said corporation by vote of the same; and that any member who shall cease to be the owner, lessee or hirer of a pew as aforesaid, shall thereupon cease to be a member of said corporation; and that no member of said corporation shall be entitled to more than one vote in any meeting thereof.

Sec. 8. That whenever there shall be a vacancy in the ministerial office, the said corporation shall cause such vacancy to be filled; and the minister by said corporation elected shall, as soon as may be, be instituted Rector of said St. Michael's Church, according to the office set forth for that purpose by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, as aforesaid.

Sec. 9. That the aforesaid charter of 1803, granted to said St. Michael's Church in Bristol, be and heretofore is, with the assent and at the request of the said St. Michael's Church, repealed, abrogated and annulled:

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Provided nevertheless, That all the funds and property now owned or possessed by said corporation be and the same hereby is vested in, confined to, and continued in the said corporation: *Provided also,* That all acts legally done, and all responsibilities legally incurred, shall be and remain in full force.

The following return of officers was made at the last May session to the Governor and Council, who approved the same, viz:

Richard K. Randolph, Captain,	} of the artillery company of the town of Newport.
John B. Lyon, first Lieutenant,	
Henry Y. Cranston, second Lt.	
James Boon, jun. Ensign.	

The following returns of officers, elected by the independent companies after named, were made to the Governor and Senate, pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly, passed at the present session, who approve the same, viz:

George Davis, Captain,	} of the Scituate and Foster independent company of riflemen.
Christopher S. Lyon, first Lieut.	
Thomas Hill, 2d, second Lieut.	
Simmons Davis, Ensign,	

Joseph Pitts, Captain,	} of the Smithfield light infantry.
Elijah Arnold, Lieutenant,	
George W. C. Jenckes, Ensign,	

Benjamin Gardner, Captain,	} of the Tiverton and Little-Compton dragoons for the county of Newport.
Richard Davenport, first Lieut.	
Adaniron Brown, second Lt.	
Job Seabury, Cornet,	

Adjournment: *Resolved,* That all business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next session; that the Secretary cause the acts and orders, and the list of officers appointed at this session, to be published and distributed according to law: And that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the Saturday next preceding the last Monday of October next, then to convene in the State House, in the town of Providence.

A true Copy:—Witness,

Henry Bowler