

An Act to incorporate certain persons, by the name of St. Michael's Church in Bristol.

WHEREAS certain persons have petitioned this Assembly for an act of incorporation, whereby they may be enabled to promote certain purposes, set forth in their petition, and herein after mentioned, *Be it therefore enacted by this General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is hereby enacted,* That Nathaniel Munro, William Pearse, John Subens, George Oxx, Aaron Usher, Edward Talbee, Timothy French, Lemuel Clark, Asa French, James Usher, Benjamin Bosworth (2d.) James Munro, Gustavus Baylies, John Manchester, Stephen Talbee, Nathaniel Manchester, Daniel Ingraham, Isaac Liscomb, George D'Wolfe, Edward Munro, George Crossman, Lemuel C. Richmond, Josiah B. Sylvester, Nicholas Stillwell, Charles Collins, jun. William D'Wolfe, William Tanner, Edward Munro, jun. Aaron Bourn, together with such others as may wish to become members of this incorporation, be forever a body corporate and politic, by the name of *Saint Michael's Church in the Town of Bristol, State of Rhode-Island, &c.* for the more essential support of public worship in Saint Michael's Church, Bristol, according to the rites and usages of the protestant episcopal church, in the United States. And the said Saint Michael's church are hereby authorized, and full power is hereby given unto them, to take, receive and hold, all monies raised by voluntary subscriptions, contributions and donations; and also to receive and hold all legacies and estates which have been heretofore given to their society, or may at any time hereafter be given. And they are also empowered to have, possess, or acquire, lands, tenements, hereditaments, or any goods and chattels whatsoever, and shall be capable in law, as a body corporate, to sue and be sued, to plead and to be impleaded, to defend and to be defended against in all Courts and places, and before all proper Judges whatsoever.

Charter to St.
Michael's
Church.

And be it further enacted, That there shall be a meeting of the society aforesaid, on Easter Monday, yearly, for the purpose of regulating their business, electing Wardens, Vestry, a Treasurer, and Secretary; and that the Wardens of the society be and they are hereby authorized to convene the parishioners of Saint Michael's church, at any time and place, when they may judge it advantageous to the interests of the society.

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And be it further enacted, That the Wardens and Vestry, who were elected to their respective offices on the day of the last election, be and they are hereby continued in office, until the annual meeting on Easter Monday next.

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 of the names of the donors, their places of residence, and the time of their being made.

And be it further enacted, That the said society, at any of their meetings, shall admit into their body, such persons as may 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 major part of them shall agree to, for the better regulating the affairs of said society, provided that such by laws be not contrary, or repugnant to the laws of this State, or of the United States.

Petition of N.
Shoreham re-
lative to the
codfishery.

On the petition of John Gorton and Samuel Briggs, in behalf of Ray Sands and others, inhabitants of New-Shoreham, interested in the codfisheries about said island, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that it be recommended to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to endeavour to obtain some provision by law, to entitle the petitioners, under their present mode of carrying on the codfishery, to the bounty allowed by the laws of the United States, on vessels employed in the codfisheries, *Resolved,* That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that it be and hereby is recommended to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to use their utmost endeavors to obtain the provision prayed for.

Petition B.
Brown &c. vs.
S. Smith.

Whereas Beriah Waite and Beriah Brown, jun. of North-Kingstown, in the county of Washington, executors of the last will and testament of Beriah Brown, late of said North-Kingstown, deceased, preferred their petition, in which they set forth, that the said Beriah, in his life time, at the Court of Common Pleas held in the county of Washington, on the second Monday of August, A.D. 1790, commenced an action of assumpsit against Stephen Smith, of Scituate, in the county of Providence, where the said Beriah Brown recovered judgment against the said Stephen, for eight pounds twelve shillings debt, and costs of suit taxed at two pounds eighteen shillings and one penny, from which judgment the said Stephen appealed to the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. holden in said county of Washington on the second Monday of October 1790, and the said Stephen, after having entered his appeal, discontinued the same, and the said Beriah obtained a confirmation of the judgment of the Court of Common Pleas, with further costs, and the said Stephen afterwards petitioned the General Assembly, and obtained a new trial in the premises, and the cause was re-entered in the Court of Common Pleas

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Pleas in said county of Washington, on the second Monday of August, A. D. 1792, and during the pendency of said cause, in said Court, the said Beriah Brown died, and no further proceedings were had in said cause; and now the said Beriah Waite and Beriah Brown, jun. prayed the General Assembly to cause the said action to be re-entered, in the Court of Common Pleas to be holden in said county of Washington; and the said Stephen Smith having deceased, since the preferring of said petition, Gideon Smith, executor of the last will and testament of the said Stephen, has been duly notified of the pendency of said petition.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the prayer of said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and that the petitioner have leave to enter said action for trial, at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden in said county of Washington, on the second Monday of August next.

