

That the prayer of said petition be and the same as hereby granted.

An ACT to incorporate John S. Dexter, Daniel Lyman, Samuel Snow, and others, into a Society, by the name of the Society of Cincinnati in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

WHEREAS upon the dissolution of the American Revolutionary Army, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, John S. Dexter, Daniel Lyman, Samuel Snow, and others, Officers in the Rhode Island Line of said Army, did associate for the purpose of forming a fund, to be forever thereafter appropriated for the relief of the indigent members of said association, and the widows and orphans of said members; and in order to secure the said fund, insure its due application, and fulfil the charitable designs of the said institution, have petitioned to be incorporated.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof, that the said John S. Dexter, Daniel Lyman, Samuel Snow, and their associates, together with such others as may be admitted members of said association be and they hereby are incorporated into a Society, by the name of the Society of Cincinnati in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, with power to have a common seal, to make contracts relative to the objects of said charitable fund, to sue and be sued, to establish by laws and orders for the regulation of said Society, and the preservation and application of the funds thereof, provided the same be not repugnant to the laws of this State, and to take, hold and possess any estate, real or personal, by subscription, gift, grant, purchase, devise or otherwise, and the same to improve, lease, exchange or sell and convey, for the sole benefit of said institution; provided the value of the real estate of said Society shall never exceed ten thousand dollars, and the annual income of the whole estate of said Society shall not exceed two thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, that the said Society shall meet, either in Newport or Providence, on the fourth day of July annually, (unless the same should fall upon a Sunday, on which case the annual meeting shall be holden on the day succeeding) for the purpose of electing, by ballot, from their members, a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other officers as may be necessary to manage their concerns; all which officers shall hold their said offices for one year, and until others shall be elected to succeed them; and the officers for the

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time being shall publish a notification of the time and place of each annual meeting, in not less than two newspapers, at least fourteen days before holding the same. Upon any urgent occasion, the President or Vice-President, or in their absence the Secretary, may appoint a special meeting of said society, to be notified in the same manner as annual meetings.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the President, Vice-President, and other officers of said society, chosen on the fourth day of July last, shall have the same authority to manage the concerns thereof as is herein vested in like officers to be hereafter annually chosen.

