

In force March 4th, 1837 AN ACT to amend "An act to incorporate the Wabash Rail-road Company."

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the towns of Upper Alton, in Madison county, and Charleston, in Coles county, be and the same are hereby declared points through which the road, mentioned in first section of the act to which this is an amendment, shall be made to pass.

APPROVED 4th March, 1837.

In force March 4, 1837. AN ACT to amend an act incorporating the Illinois Exporting Company.

Company may
increase the
quantity and
hold estate

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the Illinois Exporting Company may increase the quantity of real estate, authorized to be held by said company in the first section of their charter, not exceeding one quarter section; and may hold, also, such lands, tenements, and hereditaments as shall have been *bona fide* mortgaged to it by way of security, or conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in the course of its business, or purchased upon judgments, which shall have been obtained for such debts, for a term not exceeding three years from the time of acquiring such title.

SEC. 2. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

APPROVED 4th March, 1837.

In force March 4, 1837 AN ACT to incorporate the Chester, Nashville and Pinckneyville Rail Road Company.

Constituted a
body corporate
and politic

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That Joseph B. Holmes, Gabriel Jones and John W. Dade, of the county of Randolph; Joseph Dennis, Henry Varm and Charles McCord, of the county of Washington; Humphrey B. Jones and Levy Green, of the county of Perry, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the "Ches-

ter, Nashville and Pinckneyville Rail Road Company," Name & style
 and by that name may be, and hereby are, made capable Powers of cor-
 in law and equity, to sue and be sued to final judgment poration
 and execution, plead and be impleaded, defend and be
 defended, in any court or courts of record, or in any other
 place whatever; to make, have and use, a common seal,
 and the same to break, renew and alter, at pleasure; and
 shall be, and are hereby vested with all the powers, privi-
 leges, and immunities, which are, or may be necessary to
 carry into effect the purpose and objects of this act, as
 hereinafter set forth. And the said company are hereby
 authorized and empowered to locate, construct, and final-
 ly complete, a rail road, commencing at the town of Ches-
 ter, in the county of Randolph, thence to Columbus in said
 county, thence to Nashville in Washington county, in
 such manner and form as said company shall deem most
 expedient; and for this purpose said company are author-
 ized to lay out their said road, at least six rods wide; and Width of road
 for the purpose of cutting embankments, stone and gravel,
 may take as much more land as may be necessary for the
 proper construction and security of said rail road; *Provid-* Proviso,
ed, That all damages that may be occasioned to any per-
 son or corporation, by the taking of such land or materi-
 als, for the purposes aforesaid, shall be paid for in the man-
 ner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said company shall be three Capital stock,
 hundred thousand dollars, with liberty to increase the may be in-
 same, from time to time, by new subscriptions, and in such creased
 manner and form as they shall think proper, if such in-
 crease shall be found necessary to fulfil the intent of this
 act; which said capital stock shall be divided into shares Shares
 of fifty dollars each; and the immediate government and
 direction of the affairs of said company shall be vested in Directors
 five directors, who shall be chosen by the members of the
 company in the manner hereinafter provided, who shall
 hold their offices for one year, and until others shall be duly
 elected and qualified to take their places as directors; and
 the said directors, a majority of whom shall form a quo- Quorum
 rum for the transaction of business, shall elect one of their
 number president of the board, who shall also be president President
 of the company; and shall have authority to choose a clerk, Clerk
 who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty;
 and a treasurer, who shall give bond to the company, with Treasurer
 sureties to the satisfaction of the directors.

SEC. 3. The president and directors, for the time being, Further powers
 are hereby authorized and empowered, by themselves, or of president &
 their agents, to exercise all the powers and authority here- directors
 in granted, for the purpose of locating, constructing and
 completing said rail road, and all such other powers and

authority for the management of the affairs of said company, not heretofore granted, as may be necessary to carry into effect the object of this grant; to purchase and hold lands, materials, and other necessary things, in the name of the company, for the use of the road; to make such equal assessments from time to time, on all the shares of said company, as they may deem expedient and necessary in the progress and execution of the work, and direct the same to be paid to the treasurer of the company; and the treasurer shall give notice of all such assessments. The board of directors shall have power to adopt rules and by-laws, regulating the manner and time of payment of all assessments they may order, under such penalties as they may deem proper.

SEC. 4. Said company shall be holden to pay all damages that may arise to any person or persons, corporation or corporations, by taking their lands, gravel or stone, for the use of said rail road, when the same cannot be obtained by voluntary agreement, to be estimated and recovered in the manner provided by law for the recovery of damages happening by the laying out of highways.

SEC. 5. When the lands, or other property or estate, of any married women, infant, or person non compos mentis, shall be necessary for the construction of said rail road, the husband of such married women, and the guardian of such infant, or person non compos mentis, may release all damages in relation to the land or estate to be taken, and appropriated as aforesaid, as fully as they might do if the same were holden in their right respectively.

SEC. 6. If any person shall wilfully, maliciously, or wantonly, and contrary to law, obstruct the passage of any car on said rail road, or any part thereof, or any thing belonging thereto, he, she, or they, or any person assisting, shall forfeit and pay to said company, for every such offence, treble such damages as shall be proved before any court competent to try the same, to be sued for in the name and in behalf of said company; and such offender or offenders shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and liable to indictment in the same manner as other indictments are found, in any county or counties where such offence shall have been committed; and upon conviction, such offender or offenders shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, for the use of the county where the indictment may be found, or may be imprisoned not exceeding one year, at the discretion of the court before whom the conviction may be had.

SEC. 7. If the said rail road, in the course thereof, shall cross any river, canal, turnpike, or other highway, the said rail road shall be so constructed as not to impede or

obstruct the safe and convenient use of such river, canal, turnpike, or other highway; and said company, hereby created, may construct a lateral road from Pinckneyville in Perry county, through Georgetown in Randolph, to the nearest practicable point of said rail road; which lateral rail road may be made and constructed in the same manner, and be subject to the same rules and regulations, when completed, that the main road is by this act. To construct a lateral road

SEC. 8. The time of holding the annual meetings of said company, for the election of directors, shall be fixed and determined by the by-laws of said company; and at all meetings each stockholder shall be entitled to vote, in person, or by proxy duly authorized, one vote for each share he or she may own. Annual meetings
Votes

SEC. 9. That Seth Allen, Robert Jones, Robert G. Shannon, Darius Greenup, Levira Carter, Gilbert Nettleton and William Edwards, are hereby appointed commissioners to open subscription books for the stock of said company; said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to open subscription books for said stock, at such places as they may deem proper, and shall give at least thirty days notice of the time and place where such books shall be opened; and shall keep the same open for five days, unless the whole number of shares of said company shall be sooner subscribed; and they shall require each subscriber to pay one dollar on each share subscribed, at the time of subscribing; and at the termination of said term of five days, or sooner, if the whole amount of said shares shall be taken, said commissioners shall call a meeting of the stockholders, by giving ten days notice in some public newspaper printed in this State, of the time and place of such meeting. At such meeting it shall be lawful to elect the directors of said company; and when the directors of said company shall have been chosen, the said commissioners shall deliver said subscription books, together with all sums of money received by them, to said directors; *Provided*, That no election shall be held until at least one hundred thousand dollars of said stock shall have been subscribed; and *provided*, That each director, shall, at the time of his election, have at least ten shares of the capital stock of said company. Commissioners to open subscription books
Notice to be given
\$1 to be paid on a share
Meeting
Proviso
Further provided

SEC. 10. Said board of directors shall have power to make, ordain and establish, such by-laws, rules and regulations, and ordinances, as they may deem expedient and necessary to accomplish the purposes, and carry into effect the provisions of this act; and for the well ordering, regulating and securing, the interests and affairs of said company; *Provided*, The same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States; To make by-laws, rules and regulations
Proviso

If road not constructed in ten years this act be void

SEC. 11. That if the corporation hereby created shall not within ten years from the passage of this act construct and finish, and put in operation, the said rail road, and lateral branch, or any part thereof, as shall be deemed expedient by said corporation, then the said corporation shall thenceforth and forever cease, and this act be null and void.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Washington Academy.

Body politic.

Name.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly,* That Charles S. Dorsey, Daniel White, John Lindley, William H. Kilborn, William Holland, Romulus Barnes, R. T. Goodwin, T. D. Hungerford, Thomas Vater, Abraham W. Vanmeter, Benjamin Mitchell, J. H. Yager, and their associates be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, to be styled and known by the name of the "Trustees of the Washington Academy," and by that style and name to remain and have perpetual succession. The said academy shall be and remain at or near the town of Washington, in the county of Tazewell, and state of Illinois. The number of trustees shall not exceed twelve, one of whom shall be president of the board, to be chosen by the trustees. For the present, the above named persons shall constitute the board of trustees, who shall fill the remaining vacancies at their pleasure.

Objects.

SEC. 2. The objects of said corporation shall be the diffusion of knowledge and the promotion of the general interests of education.

Powers.

May sue.

May hold
property.

Have a com-
mon seal.
By-laws.

SEC. 3. The corporate powers hereby bestowed shall be such only as are essential or useful in the attainment of said object, and such as are usually bestowed on similar bodies corporate, to wit: To have perpetual succession, to make contracts, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to grant and receive by its corporate name, and to do all other acts as natural persons may; to accept, acquire, purchase or sell property, real, personal or mixed, in all lawful ways; to use, employ, manage and dispose of, all such property, and all money belonging to said corporation, in such manner as shall seem to the trustees best adapted to promote the objects aforesaid; to have a common seal, and to alter and change the same; to make such by-laws for its regulations as are not inconsistent with the