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An Act for the Establishment of a college at the Brough of Carliste, in the Country of Cumberland, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Sect. 1 Whereas the happines and bros, outy of every Committy (under the direction and a government of devine providence) defends amuch on the right education of the Fourth who must suiced the local in the important offices of Jociety, and the most exalted nations have acquired their pre-emmence by the

I virtuous principles and liberal knowledge instilled into the minds of the rising generation. Ject. 2. and whereas, after a long and bloody contest with a great and powerful Hingdom, it has please - ied almighty god to restore to restore to the United. States of america the blepings of a general peace, whereby the good people of this State, releived from the burthers of war, are placed in a condition to attend to useful with, Sciences, and Literature, and it is the evident duty and intrest of all ranks of heaple to bromote and encourage; as much as in them lies, every attempt to differminate and bromote the growth. of useful knowledge: Ject. 3 and whereas, by the petition of or large hor hatriotism, integrity ability and humas

presented to this house, it appears that the institution of a bollege at the borough of Carliste, in the Country of Cumbonand. for the instruction of youth in the learned languages, and other branches of literature, is likely to promote the real wellove of this State, and eshecially of the westown hurts Lect. 4 - line whereas this house is informed, as well by the said hetition as by other on thentic documents. Atat a large sum of money sufficient to begin and carry on the design for some considerable time is abready subscribed by the generous lib orality of vivous persons, who are desirons to bromote so useful air institution, and there is no doubt but that further done tions will be voluntarily made, so as to cavery it into herfect execution: and this

house chearfully consurring in soland. able er work, Sect. 5 - Be it there fore eneuted, and it is hereby inacted by the representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Gennylvania in general afrembly met, and by the authority of the same, that there be creeted, and hereby is evereted and estable ished in the borough of Carlisle, in the Country of bumborland, in this State as College for the Education of youth in the lewined and foreign languages, the weful Wets, Sciences and Literature, the Stile Hame and title of which said bollege, and the cons-: titution thereof, shall be and we hereby and defined; that is to say.

I in memory of the great and important services rendered to his Country by his Excellency John Dichenson, esquive, President of the Supreme executive Council, and in commemoration of his very biberal donation to the institution, the said College shall be for ever hereafter called and known by the name of Dichinson College. 2 - That the said College shall be under the management, direction and government of a number of trustees, not exceeding forty or a hurum or bowed there of as hereinafter mentioned. 3 That the first trustees of the said College shall consist of the following persons, vir. His Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, Council, Henry Hill, James Wilson, and

William Bingham, Esquires and Doctor Benjamin Bush, of the Bity and Bounty of Philadelphia. The reverend James Boys, of the Country of Bruhs, Soctor John M. Sowell, of Country of Enester. The Reverend Mesieurs Henry Muhlenborg. A: M: and William Handell. and James-Jacks, esquire of the Country of Lancaster. The Reverend Mefrieurs John Black, Alexander Dobines, John M'Knight, the Honorable James Giving esquire, wire president of the Subreme executive Council, and Robert M. Phorson, Henory Schlegle, The Hear thy, and Michael Huhm esqueres of the Country of york. the Reverend Hefrieurs John Hing, Robert Booker, James Lang, Samuel Wangh, William Linn, & John diren, and John Winstrong

John Montgomery, Stephen Duncan, Thomas Smith, and hobert Magues, esquires, and Doctor Samuel A. mesoshrey of the County of Cumberl. Me kervend & wistopher Emanuel Schube, and Beter Spyher, esquire of the County of Berks. John Andt, esquire of the County of Northamp William Montgomery, and William Clay Borneved Dougherty, and David Espy esquires of the County of Bedford. The heverend James Sutton, and alerander MCane esquires of the County Westmore land. and William MElavry esquire of the County of Washington. which said trustees, and their successors, to be elected in the marror hereaftermention

shall for ever hereafter be, and they are hereby erected established and declared to be, one body politic and corporate, with furfretnal succession in deed and in law, to all intents and hurhoses whestroever, by the name, Itile and title of the Trustees of Dichinson College, in the borough of Barliste, in the County of Euroberland; by which name and title they, the said trustees, and their succepors, shall be competent and capable at low and in equity to take to themselves. and their mucepors, for the use of the send bollege, any estate in any mefruages. Cando, tenements, horiditaments, goods, chattely monies or other effects, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, aprovence, will, devise or bequest of any horrow orhersons

whatrowor, woorded the same do not exceed in the whole the yearly value of ten thous. weighing nine henry weight, at three pounds; and the same mefurerges, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and estate real and personal, to grant, bargain, sell, convey. aprive demise, and to farm-let, and bluce out on intrest, or otherwise dishose of, for the use of said bollege, in such maner as to them, or at least seven of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, ifmes, brofits, income and intrest of the same, and to wholy the the said bollege; and by the same name) to me, comence, prosente and defind, implied und be umplended, in any courts of law or equity, and in all mener of suits or actions whatsoever, and generaly, by and in the same nume to do and transact all and every the business touching or concerning the tremises, which shall be midentally necessary thereto, as fully and effects. aly as any nectivial horson or body politic or corporate within this Comon wealth herve hower to manage their own concerns, and to hold, enjoy and exer cise all such pourous, einthouties enid Colleges in Europe or America.

4 - The said trustees shall cause to be made for their were one common seal, with such devi- ? = ces and inscriptions therion as they shall broker, under and by which all Beeds, Seplomers, Exitificates, and exts of the sain corporation shall perfo and be authentica ted, and the seme seal at their pleaser to break, and devise a new one. 5- That the said trustees of the said bollege, or nine of them at least, shall meet at the city of Philadelphier, on third monday in September instant, for the hurhose of concerting and agreeing to such business, as in consequence of this act shall be propor to be loved before them at the commencement of thousand they

have under taken, and shall have hower to adjourn from time to time, as they shall see cause, to any other times and places, for the horhous of herfecting the same. 6- That there shall be a meeting of the said trustees held once in every year at least, est the borough of Carlisle, at such time as the said trusties or a human thorong shall apprint, of which notice shall be given after the first meeting, either by hublic howertismints in two of the hublic news-hohorsof Philadelphia six witing signed by the clerk, or other officer of the trusters for that front out to be

least twenty days before the time of me ? nine of the said trustees shall not be heres ent, thore of them who shall be we sant shall have hower to adjown the meeting to any other day, as fully and effectually to all intents end historis, as if the whole number of trustees for the time being were present but if nine or more of the said trustees shall meet at The suid appointed times, or at any other time of adjournment, their such nin of the said trustees shall be a board or hnown, and a majority of the vote of them shall be capable of doing on

transacting all the business and concerns of said bollege; not otherwise provid for by this act, and hartierlandy of making and enacting, ordinances for the govern = ment of said Bollege, of electing trustees in the place or stead of those who shall re sign their places, or who shall die; of electing and whhointing the hrimeihau and horofefrous of the said bollege; of ague my with them for their saleries and stihing and removing them for misconduct or break of the laws of the institution; of appointing committees of their own body to carry into exicution all and every the resolutions of the bowid; of appointing a treasurer, Levelary, Stewards, managers, ein other

necessary and customerry officers, for the tuheing care of the estate and managing? the concerns of the corhoration; and generally en majority of voices of the bourd or huderen of the said trustees, consisting of rime horsons at the least, at any annuel or adjourned meeting, after notice given as aforesaid, shall Determine all matters erne things (although the same be not herein hoir tunterly ment comed) which shall occasionally wrise and be incidentally necessary to be deturn ined and brunsacted by the said brusteer: provides always, that no ordinance shall be of force, which shall be represent to the laws of this State. The head or cheif moster of the said bollege shall be called and stated. The frincisel

18 of the College, and the musters thereof. shall be called and still "proffesors," flut neither principal nor proffesors while they remain such, shall ever be capable of the office of truster. I- The windhal and profesors or a majority of them shall be stiled and called "the familty of the bollege; which faculty shall have the hower of enfor cing the inles and regulations adopted by the trustees for the government of the burbils, by revocationer or consuring them, and finally by sushing and of them, as after repeated admonitions shall continue disobedient and refractory of trusties can be had; and of granting

and conforming, by and with the appr · obation and consent of a board of the trusties, signified by their mandernus, such Degrees in the liberal with and winces to such hubils of College, or others, who by their profuency in lewining or other meritorious distinction, they shall think entitled to them, as we usually granted in other Colleges, in Ewrope or amorica, and to grant to such graduates common seal and signed by the founds to enther treate and herhetwate the memory of such Granduations-9 - Dersons of every religious denomination elected trustees; nor shall any horson, either

no principal, proffesor or tinhil, be refu: sed admittance for his conscerentions horsues. sion in matters of religion; brovided he shall demean himself in a solver, orderly maner, and conform to the rules and regulations of the College. 10 - Asit has been found by experience that those hersons represted from the busy su. nes of life, that they may with more attention stridy the grounds of the Chris. - tian religion, and minister it to the hest. le, wie in general realous promoters of the Education of youth, and chearfully objects of this hind; therefore whenever a vacancy shall happen by the want of

qualification, resignation or decease of ality Clergy man here by appointed a trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by the choice of another Clergy man of any Christian anom - ination, and so toties quoties such vacancis shall happen, whereby the number of blergy men hereby appointed trustees shall never be le lepened. 11 No misnomer of the said corporation shall beguest to or from the said corporation, browded the intent of the harties shall sufficiently appear whom the face of the gift, greant, will or other writing, where : by any estate or intrest was intended to hap to or from the said corhoration, nor isuser or nonuser of the

nights, liberties, priviliques, jurisdictions und enthorities, here by greented to the said bork. oration, or any of them, create or cause a forfeiture there of. Sect. 6 - and be it further enere ted by the author sority aforesaid, that the constitution of the said bollege, herein and here by decla: red and established, shall be and remain the inviolable constitution of the said College for ever, and the same shall not be altered or alterable by any ordinance or law of the said bustees, not in any other man ner than by an act of legis lutione of this Sect. 7- and be it further enerted by the tees herein before appointed, and their

successors, and the principal and proffes. ors, and every of them hereafter to be with ounted in such maner and form as herein is directed and required, before he or they enter whom the duties of their trust or office, shall, before two justices of the Deace of the City of Philadelphia, or of some County of this State, take and subscribe the outh or affirmation wes cribed by the fortieth section of the constitution of this Commonwealth, to be taken by the officers of this State, and also the oath or affirmation of allegiance Edvected to be taken by the same officers. in and by the seventh and eight sections of an out of afrembly, made and haped the fifth day of December, in the year of own Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight,

In entituled a farther supplement to the act, entuled," an act for the further security of the government, " and shall also take . an outh or affirmation for the furthful Discharge of bust of office afforesend . Ligned by order of the house, Frederic A. Muntenberg, Sheather. Enacted into a land, at Philadelphia, on thursday, the ninth day of Seh tember, in hundred eryhty-three. Feter L. Lloyd, cloth of the general afrembly.

Charter of Dickinson College

An Act for the Establishment of a College at the Borough of Carlisle, in the County of Cumberland, in the State of Pennsylvania.

- Sect. 1 Whereas the happiness and prosperity of every Comunity (under the direction and government of divine providence) depends much on the right education of the Youth who must succeed the Aged in the important offices of Society, and the most exalted Nations have acquired their pre-eminence by the virtuous principles and liberal knowledge instilled into the minds of the rising generation:
- Sect. 2 And whereas, after a long and bloody contest with a great and powerful Kingdom, it has pleased Almighty God to restore to restore to the United States of America the blessings of a general peace, whereby the good people of this State, releived from the burthens of war, are placed in a condition to attend to useful arts, Sciences, and Literature, and it is the evident duty and intrest of all ranks of people to promote and encourage, as much as in them lies, every attempt to disseminate and promote the growth of useful knowledge:
- Sect. 3 And whereas, by the petition of a large number of persons of established reputation for patriotism, integrity, ability and humanity presented to this house, it appears that the institution of a College at the borough of Carlisle, in the County of Cumberland, for the instruction of Youth in the learned languages, and other branches of literature, is likely to promote the real welfare of this State, and especially of the western parts thereof:
- Sect. 4 And whereas this house is informed, as well by the said petition as by other authentic documents, that a large sum of money, sufficient to begin and carry on the design for some considerable time is already subscribed by the generous liberality of divers persons, who are desirous to promote so useful an institution, and there is no doubt but that further donations will be voluntarily made, so as to carry it into perfect execution: and this house chearfully concurring in so laudable a work,
- Sect. 5 Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the representatives of the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general Assembly met,

and by the Authority of the same, that there be errected, and hereby is errected and established in the borough of Carlisle, in the County of Cumberland, in this State a College for the education of Youth in the learned and foreign languages, the useful Arts, Sciences and Literature, the Stile Name and Title of which said College, and the constitution thereof, shall be and are hereby declared to be as is herein after mentioned and defined; that is to say,

- in memory of the great and important services rendered to his Country by his Excellency John Dickinson, esquire, President of the Supreme executive Council, and in commemoration of his very liberal donation to the institution, the said College shall be for ever hereafter called and known by the name of "Dickinson College."
- 2 That the said College shall be under the management, direction and government of a number of trustees, not exceeding forty or a Quorum or board thereof, as hereinafter mentioned.
- 3 That the first trustees of the said College shall consist of the following persons, viz.,

His Excellency John Dickinson, Esquire, president of the Supreme executive Council, Henry Hill, James Wilson, and William Bingham, Esquires and Doctor Benjamin Rush, of the City and County of Philadelphia.

The reverend James Boyd, of the County of Bucks, Doctor John McDowell, of County of Chester.

The Reverend Messieurs Henry Muhlenberg, A: M: and William Handell, and James Jacks, esquire of the County of Lancaster.

The Reverend Messieurs John Black, Alexander Dobins, John McKnight, the Honorable James Ewing esquire, vice president of the Supreme executive Council, and Robert McPherson, Henry Schlegle, Thos. Hartly, and Michael Hahn, esquires of the County of York.

The Reverend Messieurs John King, Robert Cooper, James Lang, Samuel Waugh, William Linn, & John Linn, and John Armstrong, John Montgomery,

Stephen Duncan, Thomas Smith, and Robert Magaw, esquires, and Doctor Samuel A. McCoskrey, of the County of Cumberland.

The Reverend Christopher Emanuel Schulze, and Peter Spyker, esquire of the County of Berks.

John Arndt, esquire of the County of Northampton.

William Montgomery, and William Clay, esquires of the County of Northumberland.

Bernard Dougherty, and David Espy, esquires, of the County of Bedford.

The Reverend James Sutton, and Alexander McClane, esquires of the County Westmoreland.

And William McClary, esquire of the County of Washington.

Which said trustees, and their successors, to be elected in the maner hereafter mentioned shall for ever hereafter be, and they are hereby erected, established and declared to be, one body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession in deed and in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, by the name, Stile and title of "the Trustees of Dickinson College, in the borough of Carlisle, in the County of Cumberland;" by which name and title they, the said trustees, and their successors, shall be competent and capable at law and in equity to take to themselves, and their successors, for the use of the said College, any estate in any messuages, lands, tenaments, heriditaments, goods, chattels, monies or other effects, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise or beguest of any person or persons whatsoever, provided the same do not exceed in the whole the yearly value of ten thousand pounds, valuing one half Johannes, weighing nine penny weight, at three pounds; and the same messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and estate real and personal, to grant, bargain, sell, convey, assure, demise, and to farm-let, and place out on intrest, or otherwise dispose of, for the use of said College, in such maner as to them, or at least seven of them, shall seem most beneficial to the institution, and to receive the rents, issues, profits, income and intrest of the same, and to apply the same to the proper use and support of the said College; and by the same name to sue, comence, prosecute and defend, implead and be impleaded, in any courts of law

or equity, and in all maner of suits or actions whatsoever, and generaly, by and in the same name to do and transact all and every the business touching or concerning the premises, which shall be incidentally necessary thereto, as fully and effectualy as any natural person or body politic or corporate within this Comonwealth have power to manage their own concerns, and to hold, enjoy and exercise all such powers, authorities and Jurisdictions, as are customary in other Colleges in Europe or America.

- 4 The said trustees shall cause to be made for their use one common seal, with such devices and inscriptions thereon as they shall proper, under and by which all Deeds, Diplomas, Certificates, and acts of the said corporation shall pass and be authenticated, and the same seal at their pleasu[re] to break, and devise a new one.
- That the said trustees of the said College, or nine of them at least, shall meet at the city of Philadelphia, on third monday in September instant, for the purpose of concerting and agreeing to such business, as in consequence of this act shall be proper to be laid before them at the commencement of the work they have undertaken, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, as they shall see cause, to any other times and places, for the purpose of perfecting the same.
- That there shall be a meeting of the said trustees held once in every year at least, at the borough of Carlisle, at such time as the said trustees or a Quorum thereof shall appoint, of which notice shall be given after the first meeting, either be public Advertisments in two of the public news-papers of Philadelphia six weeks before the time, or by notice in writing, signed by the clerk, or other officer of the trustees for that purpose to be appointed, and sent to each trustee, at least twenty days before the time of such intended meetings; and if at such meetings nine of the said trustees shall not be present, those of them who shall be present shall have power to adjourn the meeting to any other day, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes, as if the whole number of trustees for the time being were presant; but if nine or more of the said trustees shall meet at the said appointed times, or at any other time of adjournment, then such nine of the said trustees shall be a board or Quorum, and a majority of the votes of them shall be capable of doing and transacting all the business and concerns of said College; not otherwise provid for by this act, and particularly of making and enacting ordinances for the government of said College, of electing trustees in the place or

stead of those who shall resign their places, or who shall die; of electing and appointing the principal and professors of the said College; of agreeing with them for their salaries and stipends and removing them for misconduct or breach of the laws of the institution; of appointing committees of their own body to carry into exicution all and every the resolutions of the board; of appointing a treasurer, Secretary, Stewards, managers, and other necessary and customary officers, for the takeing care of the estate and manageing the concerns of the corporation; and generally a majority of voices of the board or Quorum of the said trustees, consisting of nine persons at the least, at any annuel or adjourned meeting, after notice given as aforesaid, shall determine all matters and things (although the same be not herein particularly mentioned) which shall occasionally arise and be incidentally necessary to be determined and transacted by the said trustees: provided always, that no ordinance shall be of force, which shall be repugnant to the laws of this State.

- 7 The head or cheif master of the said College shall be called and stiled "the principal of the College," and the masters thereof shall be called and stiled "Proffessors," but neither principal nor proffessors while they remain such, shall ever be capable of the office of trustee.
- The principal and proffessors, or a majority of them shall be stiled and called "the faculty of the College," which faculty shall have the power of enforcing the rules and regulations adopted by the trustees for the government of the pupils, by rewarding or censuring them, and finally by suspending such of them, as after repeated admonitions shall continue disobedient and refractory untill the determination of a Quorum of trustees can be had; and of granting and confirming, by and with the approbation and consent of a board of the trustees, signiefied by their mandamus, such degrees in the liberal arts and sciences to such pupils of College, or others, who, by their proficiency in learning or other meritorious distinction, they shall think entitled to them, as are usually granted in other Colleges, in Europe or America, and to grant to such Graduates Diplomas or Certificates, under their common seal and signed by the faculty to authenticate and perpetuate the memory of such Graduation.
- 9 Persons of every religious denomination among Christians shall be capable of being elected trustees; nor shall any person, either as principal, proffessor or pupil, be refused admittance for his consceientious persuasion in matters of

religion; provided he shall demean himself in a sober, orderly maner, and conform to the rules and regulations of the College.

- 10 As it has been found by experience that those persons seperated from the busy scenes of life, that they may with more attention study the grounds of the Christian religion, and minister it to the people, are in general zealous promoters of the education of Youth, and chearfully give up their time and attention to objects of this kind; therefore whenever a vacancy shall happen by the want of qualification, resignation or decease of any Clergy man hereby appointed a trustee, such vacancy shall be filled by the choice of another Clergy man of any Christian dnomination, and so toties quoties such vacancy shall happen, whereby the number of Clergy men hereby appointed trustees shall never be lessened.
- 11 No misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest to or from the said corporation, provided the intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, grant, will or other writing, whereby any estate or intrest was intended to pass to or from the said corporation, nor shall any disuser or nonuser of the rights, liberties, priviliges, jurisdictions and authorities, hereby granted to the said Corporation, or any of them, create or cause a forfeiture thereof.
- Sect. 6 And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the constitution of the said College, herein and hereby declared and established, shall be and remain the inviolable Constitution of the said College for ever, and the same shall not be altered or alterable by any ordinance or law of the said trustees, nor in any other manner than by an act of legislature of this State.
- Sect. 7 And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said trustees herein before appointed, and their successors, and the principal and proffessors, and every of them hereafter to be appointed in such maner and form as herein is directed and requred, before he or they enter upon the duties of their trust or office, shall, before two Justices of the Peace of the City of Philadelphia, or of some County of this State, take and subscribe the oath or affirmation prescribed by the fortieth section of the constitution of this Commonwealth, to be taken by the officers of this State, and also the oath or affirmation of allegiance directed to be taken by the same officers, in and by the seventh and eigth sections of an act of Assembly, made and passed the fifth day of December,

in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight, entituled "A farther supplement to the act, entuled "An act for the "further security of the government, "and shall also take an oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of trust of office afforesaid.

Signed by order of the house, Frederic A. Muhlenberg, Speaker.

Enacted into a law, at Philadelphia, on thursday, the ninth day of September, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred eighty-three.

Peter Z. Lloyd, clerk of the general Assembly.