

AN ACT

To incorporate the Richmond Classical Institute, in Richmond Jefferson County.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio*, That Thomas George, Isaac Sham, William Blekeston, Henry Crew, Stephen Ford, Thomas Orr, David Sloan, Nathaniel Myers, John Cook, Wiliam Farmer, Samuel Bell, A. T. Markle and James H. Moore, of the county of Jefferson, and their associates and their successors, be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, to be styled the Board of Directors of the Richmond Classical Institute, and by that name to remain in perpetual succession, with full powers to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to acquire, hold and convey property, real and personal, to have, and use a common seal, to alter and renew the same at pleasure, to make, and alter, from time to time, such by-laws as they may deem necessary for the government of said institution, its officers, students and servants: *Provided*, that such by-laws shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State: also, to have power to confer, on those whom they may deem worthy, such honors and degrees as are usually conferred in similar institutions.

Sec. 2. That the said institution shall remain where it is now located, in Richmond, Jefferson county; and shall afford instruction in the liberal arts and sciences; and the Trustees may, as they shall find themselves able and the public good shall require, elect additional departments, for such other branches of education as they may think necessary or useful.

Sec. 3. That the Board of Directors shall, from time to time, appoint a President and other officers and instructors, and also, agents of the institution, as may be necessary; and shall have power to displace or remove any, or either of them, for good and sufficient reasons; and also, to increase the number of their Board to fifteen, exclusive of the President, fill vacancies which may occur by resignation, death or otherwise, in said Board, or among said officers or agents, and prescribe and direct the course of study to be pursued in said Institute, and its departments.

Sec. 4. The President of the Institution shall be, ex-officio, a member of the Board of Directors, and President of the same; and, in his absence, the Board shall elect one of its members to preside for the time being; and if any of said Directors shall be permanently appointed President of said Institution, his office as Director shall be deemed vacant, and the of Directors shall fill the same.

Sec. 5. Any seven, of the thirteen members of the Board of Directors, shall constitute a quorum to do business; and the Board shall hold their first annual meeting on the second Monday of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, at Richmond, in the township of Salem, in Jefferson county, and afterwards, they shall meet on their own appointment: but in case of necessity, the President, with the advice of two Directors, may call a special meeting of the Board, or any five members of the Board may call such meeting, by giving notice to each member, at least seven before the time of such meeting.

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors shall faithfully apply all the funds, by collected and received, according to the best of their judgment, in erecting suitable buildings, supporting the necessary officers, instructors and agents, and in procuring books, maps, charts and other apparatus, necessary to the well being and success of the Institution: *Provided, nevertheless,* That in case any donations or bequests shall be made for particular purposes, not inconsistent with the designs of this Institution, and the Directors shall accept and receive the same, every such donation or bequest shall be applied in conformity to the conditions and designs of the donor.

Sec. 7. The Treasurer of said Institution shall always, and all agents when required, before entering upon the duties of their appointments, give bonds for the security of the Corporation and the public, in such penal sums, and with such securities as the Board of Directors shall approve; and all process against the corporation shall be by summons, and the service of the same, shall be by leaving an attested copy thereof, with the Treasurer of the Institution, at least ten days before the return thereof.

Sec. 8. The Legislature shall have the right to amend or repeal this act when they deem it necessary: *Provided,* That no fund or property, belonging to the said Institution, shall ever be, by law, appropriated to an other purpose than those named in this charter: *Provided further,* That the property and funds of the corporation shall not be used for any other purpose than that of education, and that the annual income of all such property shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

JOHN M. CREED,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
PETER HITCKCOCK,
Speaker of Senate.

January 22d, 1835.