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OF THE

NEW-YORK INSTITUTION

FOR THE

Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb,

PASSED APRIL 15, 1819.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

THE BY-LAWS,

AND THE

Names and Residence of the Officers and Directors.

ALSO, THE

DIRECTORS ARRANGED INTO COMMITTEES,

AND A

LIST OF THE PUPILS.

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Passed April 15, 1817.

WHEREAS by a petition presented to the legislature, from certain inhabitants of the city of New-York, it is represented that they, together with their associates, have formed an institution, for the purpose of affording the necessary means of instruction to the Deaf and Dumb—and also to provide for the support and maintenance of those in that condition, whose parents are unable to maintain them during their course of tuition—*Therefore,*

Be it enacted by the people of the state of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, That all such persons as now are, or hereafter may become members of the said institution, shall be, and are hereby ordained, constituted, and appointed, a body corporate and politic, in fact and in name, by the name of “*The New-York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb,*” and by that name they and their

successors shall and may have succession ; and shall be in law capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended, in all courts and places whatsoever ; in all manner of action and actions, suits, matters, complaints and causes, whatsoever ; and that they and their successors have and use a common seal, and may change and alter the same, at their pleasure ; and also they and their successors, by the name and style of “ *The New-York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb,*” shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, and conveying, any real and personal estate, for the purposes of this incorporation, and none other, which, at any time, shall not exceed the annual income of five thousand dollars.

And be it further enacted. That for the better carrying into effect the objects of the said incorporation, there shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and a secretary, who, with twenty other members, shall constitute a Board of Directors, and shall have power to manage all its affairs ; the officers and other directors, shall be elected by ballot, at an annual meeting of the members, to hold their office for one year, or until others be elected in their room ; and that such election shall be held at such times and places, as the said corporation shall, by their By-Laws, from

time to time, appoint and direct : and that the aforesaid officers shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of the members present at such election ; and in case of any vacancy or vacancies, in either of the said offices, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the said board of directors shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies, until the next annual election : of the directors, at least two-thirds shall be residents of the city and county of New-York, and seven shall constitute a quorum.

And be it further enacted, That the following persons shall be the first officers and directors :—*De Witt Clinton*, President—*Richard Varick*, first Vice-President,—*John Ferguson*, second Vice-President—*John Slidell*, Treasurer—*John B. Scott*, Secretary—and *Henry Rutgers*, *Alexander M Leod*, *John Stanford*, *John Murray, jr.* *Henry T. Feltus*, *James L. Bell*, *Bishop Connolly*, *Henry Wheaton*, *Samuel Akerly*, *Jonas Mapes*, *Peter Sharpe*, *Silvanus Miller*, *William L. Rose*, *Gurdon S. Mumford*, *Benjamin A. Akerly*, *Silvester Dearing*, *James Thompson*, *Robert Troup*, *Solomon Southwick*, and *James Emott*, Directors.

And be it further enacted, That the said Board of Directors, shall have power to make such By-Laws, as may, from time to time, be necessary, relative to the management, disposition of the estate, and concerns of the said

corporation, and regulation of the persons exercising the offices aforesaid, not contrary to law ; and may appoint such other agents and servants, as they deem necessary to transact the business of the said corporation, and designate their duties.

And be it further enacted, That this act shall continue and be in force, until the first day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven. *Provided always,* That if the said corporation shall apply their, or any of their funds, to any other purposes than those contemplated by this act, that then the said corporation shall cease and determine, and the estate, real and personal thereof, shall be forfeited to and vested in the people of this state.

And be it further enacted, That this act be, and is hereby declared a public act, and that the same be construed in all courts and places benignly and favorably, for every humane and benevolent purpose.

State of New-York, Secretary's Office,

I CERTIFY, That the preceding is a true copy of a certain original Act of the Legislature of this State, on file in this Office.

ARCH. CAMPBELL,

April 17, 1817.

Dep. Secretary.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

NEW-YORK INSTITUTION

For the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb.

TITLE.

THIS SOCIETY shall be established in the city of New-York, and shall be entitled the New-York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb.

Of Members.

The annual payment of three dollars to the Treasurer of this Society, shall constitute the person so paying that amount, or causing it to be paid, a member of this Institution; and the payment at one time to the Treasurer, of thirty dollars, shall constitute the person so paying it, or causing it to be paid, a perpetual or life member; and the members so constituted, shall be entitled to vote at annual elections.

Of Meetings of the Society.

Sect. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of this Society, on the third

Tuesday in May, for the election of Officers and Directors, to manage the concerns of the Institution.

2. The Directors shall fix the place of meeting for the annual election, and give public notice by their Secretary, of the time and place of such election.

Of the Election of Officers and Directors.

Sect. 1. At the annual meeting of the members of this Institution, there shall be elected by ballot, from among the members, a President, two Vice Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary.

2. At the same time, and in the same manner, there shall be elected twenty other members, who, together with the Officers, shall constitute a Board of Directors, and have power to manage all the concerns of the Institution.

3. The Officers and Directors shall be elected to hold their office for one year, or until others be elected in their room; and no person shall be declared elected, unless he have a majority of votes of the members present at such election.

4. In case of any vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise, in any Office or Directorship of this Institution, the Board of Directors shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies, until the next annual election.

Of the Meetings of the Directors.

Sect. 1. There shall be a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, on the last Tuesday of every month, at the boarding-house or asylum of the Institution, at such hours as the Board shall direct.

2. An extra meeting shall be called by the Secretary, at the request of three Directors, of which and all other meetings, the Secretary shall give due notice.

3. At all meetings of the Directors, seven shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

4. At the first meeting of the Directors, after the annual election, there shall be appointed the following Committees :

The Auditing and Finance Committee.

The Committee of Instruction.

The Committee of Publication.

The Monthly Committees.

The Visiting Committee of Ladies.

Of the Committees.

Sect. 1. The Auditing or Finance Committee shall have power to examine all bills or accounts presented for payment, and if found correct, to order the Treasurer to pay the same; but if otherwise, to report to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

2. The Committee of Instruction shall inquire into the manner of teaching the pupils of this Institution, and recommend such alterations as may appear to them proper, and advise the Board of Directors whether any, and when additional assistant teachers are wanted.

3. The Committee of publication may from time to time direct the publication of the list of donations and subscribers, and such other expositions in relation to the state of the Institution, as may be expedient.

4. The monthly Committee shall superintend the school, and direct all that may be necessary for the comfort and advancement of the scholars, and the general prosperity and respectability of the Institution, and perform all other duties not otherwise provided for.

5. The Visiting Committee of Ladies, shall have power to visit the School and Asylum at all times, and to examine into their comforts and accommodations.

Of the President and Vice Presidents.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and in case of his absence, the next officer in gradation shall take the chair; but if no officer be present when a quorum is declared, then a presiding officer shall be elected pro tempore.

Of the Treasurer.

Sect. 1. The Treasurer shall preserve in his safe keeping, all the funds of the Institution, and account for the same to the Directors.

2. He shall make an annual statement of the funds of the Institution, on the first of January, and as often as the Board of Directors may require.

3. He shall have the care of all bonds, deeds and other documents relating to the property of the Institution, and shall furnish a list of donations and subscriptions every two months.

4. He shall pay all bills when regularly passed by the Board of Directors, or by the Auditing Committee, and ordered to be paid.

5. He shall give security by bond or otherwise, for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him.

Of the Secretary.

Sect. 1. The Secretary shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors, and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting, and have them regularly entered in a book provided for the purpose.

2. He shall notify the persons elected as Directors, and also inform them of the time and place of the regular or extra meetings of the Board.

3. He shall give notice to the persons composing the monthly committees, when their time of service commences.

4. He shall furnish the chairman of all committees with the papers referred, or the subject matter thereof.

5. He shall cause the annual reports to be entered at large upon the minutes, and make a record of the donations and annual subscriptions, in a book to be provided for the purpose.

6. He shall perform such other necessary writing and correspondence as the Directors may require, and enter in a letter book, the answers to all applications for the admission of pupils.

Of the Asylum.

The boarding-house of the Institution shall be called the *Asylum* for the Deaf and Dumb, and shall be under the care and direction of the Superintendant and Teacher, and of a Matron who shall provide for the comfort and accommodation of the pupils, and admit at all times, such Visiting Committee of Ladies, as the Directors may appoint.

Of the School.

Sect. 1. The School of this Institution shall be kept in the apartments furnished by the Honorable the Corporation of this city, or in

such other place as the Directors may from time to time provide.

2. The School shall be opened at nine o'clock in the morning of every week-day, and be kept open until one o'clock of the same day, or such other hours as the Directors may from time to time determine.

Of the Superintendant and Teacher.

Sect. 1. The Superintendant and Teacher shall give his personal and particular attendance at the School, during the hours of tuition.

2. It shall be his duty to furnish a list of the scholars to the monthly committee of each month, with such annotations and remarks as may be interesting.

Of Assistant Teachers.

Sect 1. An Assistant Teacher or Teachers, shall be provided at the expense of the Institution, as the number of pupils shall from time to time require, and the board may determine.

2. It shall be their duty to attend the School during the hours of tuition, under the direction of the Superintendant and Teacher.

Of the Pupils.

Sect. 1. Application for admission shall be made to the Superintendant and Teacher, or one of the Directors, in writing, stating the

name, age and circumstances of the pupil, together with the names, residence and occupation of the parents or guardians, which information shall be laid before the Board for their decision before they shall be permanently admitted.

2. If a scholar persist in playing truant, or is detained from School without a proper excuse, the Superintendant and Teacher shall report the same to the monthly committee, who shall act thereon at their own discretion.

3. No parent or guardian shall interfere with the government of a pupil in the School; but in case of dissatisfaction, reference may be had in writing, to the monthly Committee, who shall act thereon, as the case may require.

4. A parent or guardian, intending to place a child in this Institution, shall consent in writing to its rules, to be presented for their perusal by the Teacher, or one of the Directors, before such pupil can be admitted.

5. Every pupil who shall be admitted into this Institution, shall be initiated, under the direction of the monthly Committee; and no pupil shall be considered as regularly entered, until he or she shall have been for a time not exceeding 20 days, in the Institution, on trial, and shall also have given a bond, with competent security, if required, for the payment of the tuition and expenses, according to the rules and regulations of the Institution.

6. The mode of treatment of the pupils of this Institution, and of their instruction, requiring lenity and kindness of an exemplary nature, no corporal punishment shall be resorted to, but in extraordinary cases, and then only by the consent of the monthly Committee. This rule shall apply to their treatment both in the School and at the Asylum.

7. Cases of misconduct requiring corporal punishment, in the opinion of the Superintendent, shall be by him reported to the monthly Committee, for their consideration and determination.

8. The pupils who are received into the Asylum, shall be decently cloathed, and as much after a uniform dress, as the nature of the case will admit.

9. Every pupil of the Institution, who has not had the small-pox, nor the kine-pock, shall be vaccinated as soon as may be, after being received.

Of Visitors.

Sect. 1. Visitors may be admitted to the School, at all times, during the hours of tuition; but no visitor is to interrupt the Teacher, by calling off the attention of the pupils.

2. All proper inquiries may be directed to the Teachers, or the monthly Committee, or any other of the Directors, if present; provid-

ed they do not interrupt the exercises of the School.

3. Mondays and Wednesdays in each week, are particularly set apart for visitors, between the hours of eleven and one, when the Teachers may, at the request of any respectable stranger, or other visitor, deviate from his regular lessons, and show what progress the pupils have made.

Of Examinations.

There shall be a public examination of the pupils quarterly, to show the state and progress of their improvements, at such place as may be found convenient.

Of the Clerk.

Sect. 1. The Clerk shall open an account with each pupil, in books provided for the purpose, and collect all annual subscriptions, and other dues of the Institution.

2. He shall perform the duties of an Assistant Teacher, during the school hours, under the direction of the Superintendant and Teacher.

Alterations and Amendments.

Alterations and amendments in the By-Laws, may from time to time be made, by a majority of the Directors present at any meeting, provided notice thereof be given at a preceding meeting.

NAMES AND RESIDENCE

OF THE

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Of the New-York Institution for the Instruction of

THE DEAF AND DUMB.

ELECTED 22d MAY, 1819.

DR. SAMUEL L. MITCHILL, President, 47 *White-st.*

REV. JOHN B. ROMAYNE, 1st V. President, 69 *Do.*

HON. C. D. COLDEN, 2d V. President, *Mayor's Office, City Hall.*

JOHN SLIDELL, Treasurer, 189 *Elisabeth-street, near St. Patrick's Church.*

DR. SAMUEL AKERLY, Secretary, 68 *Rutger-street. De Witt Clinton, Albany.*

Rev. John Stanford, 18 *Lispenard-street.*

James L. Bell, *Sheriff's Office, City-Hall.*

Rev. Henry T. Feltus, *cor. Hester-st. & Bowery.*

Peter Sharpe, 43 *Nassau-street.*

Silvanus Miller, 44 *Cherry-street.*

Stephen Allen, 71 *Bowery.*

Rev. Alex. M'Leod, 555 *Pearl-street.*

Jonas Mapes, *Wall, corner William-st.*

Dr. Valentine Mott, 28 *Cliff-street*.

Daniel E. Tylee, *Chatham, cor. Roosevelt-st.*

Garrit Hyer, *Hester-st. near Broadway.*

James Palmer, *Suffolk-street.*

Rev. James Milnor, 27 *Beekman-street.*

John B. Scott, 152 *Broadway.*

Richard Hatfield, 16 *Vandewater-street.*

William L. Rose, 6 *Frankfort-street.*

Thomas Franklin, 49 *Franklin-street.*

Alexander H. Stevens, 109 *Fulton-street.*

Rev. Philip Milledoler, 121 *Fulton-street.*



DIRECTORS, &C.

Arranged into Committees.

Auditing and Finance Committee,

Stephen Allen, Silvanus Miller, and Jonas Mapes.

Committee of Instruction,

Samuel L. Mitchill, Samuel Akerly, Alex. M'Leod.

Committee of Publication,

James L. Bell, John B. Scott, John Slidell.

Monthly Committees.

For June 1819—Stephen Allen, John B. Romaine,
Valentine Mott, James L. Bell.

July—James L. Bell, C. D. Colden, D. W. Clinton,
Alexander M'Leod.

August—Alexander M'Leod, Peter Sharpe, James
Palmer, Thomas Franklin.

September—Thomas Franklin, William L. Rose,
Philip Milledoler, Jonas Mapes.

October—J. Mapes, Dan. E. Tylee, James Milnor,
Garrit Hyer.

November—Garrit Hyer, Alexander H. Stevens,
John B. Scott, Silvanus Miller.

December—Silvanus Miller, John Stanford, Rich.
Hatfield, Samuel Akerly.

January 1820—Samuel Akerly, James Milnor,
Henry T. Feltus, Samuel L. Mitchill.

February—S. L. Mitchill, Valentine Mott, J. B.
Romaine, Stephen Allen.

March—S. Allen, C. D. Colden, Alex. M'Leod,
James L. Bell.

April—James L. Bell, J. Palmer, Philip Milledoler,
John Slidell.

May—John Slidell, D. E. Tylee, John B. Scott,
Jonas Mapes.

VISITING COMMITTEE OF LADIES.

Mrs. Dr. Mitchill,	Mrs. C. D. Colden,
Mrs. William Few,	Mrs. Thomas Storm,
Mrs. James Milnor,	Mrs. William Johnson,
Mrs. Ellen Gallatian,	Mrs. Rich. Cunningham
Mrs. George Warner,	Mrs. William Warner;
Mrs. Thos. Carpenter,	Mrs. James Walsh,
Mrs. Elisabeth Walker,	Miss Niobe Minturn.

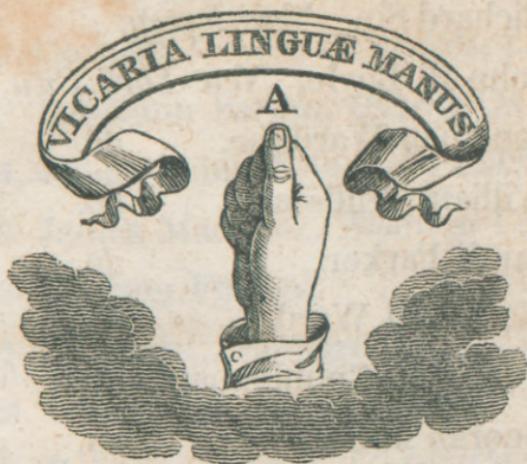
Samuel Akerly, *Physician to the Institution.*

Rev. A. O. Stansbury, *Superintendent and Teacher.*

Mrs. Martha Stansbury, *Matron to the Asylum.*

Miss Mary Stansbury, *Assistant Teacher.*

☞ *School-room, in a part of the New-York In-
stitution. Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, No. 41
Warren-street.*



LIST OF THE PUPILS

OF THE

NEW-YORK INSTITUTION

For the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb.

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- 1 Eveline Hulse, *New-York City.*
 - 2 Cornelia Ann Frere, *do.*
 - 3 Alanson M'Donald, *do.*
 - 4 Mary Rose, *do.*
 - 5 John Vermilyea, *do.*
 - 6 John Hauptman, *do.*
 - 7 Horace Crawford, *do.*
 - 8 William L. Wilkeyson, *do.*
 - 9 John Bates, *do.*

- 10 Richard Sip, *New-Jersey.*
- 11 John R. Boyle, *New-York City.*
- 12 Jonathan Wardline, *do.*
- 13 William Williams, *do.*
- 14 Sarah Parker, *do.*
- 15 Nathaniel Ward, *do.*
- 16 Cornelius Cunningham, *do.*
- 17 George Mills, *do.*
- 18 James M. Nack, *do.*
- 19 Catharine Banks, *do.*
- 20 William Oakley, *do.*
- 21 George D. Holkins, *Albany.*
- 22 Phebe M. Clarke, *New-Jersey.*
- 23 William Wake, *New-York.*
- 24 Mary Postly, *do.*
- 25 John H. Gazlay, *Otsego Co. New-York.*
- 26 Harriet Sherwood, *Ulster Co. do.*
- 27 Jemima Way, *New-York City.*
- 28 Aaron Day, *Montgomery Co. N. Y.*
- 29 Charles Dickenson, *Dutchess Co. N. Y.*
- 30 Elizabeth Thomson, *New-Jersey.*
- 31 John White, jr. *Albany, N. Y.*
- 32 Cortlandt Millsbaugh, *Orange Co. N. Y.*
- 33 John Kelly, *New-York City.*
- 34 John Healy, *do.*
- 35 Margaret Paltzgraff, *do.*

- 36 Cornelia Green, *New-Jersey.*
- 37 Benjamin Barton, *Queens Co. N. Y.*
- 38 James Plum, *Schuyler's Lake, do.*
- 39 James Maddock, *Madison Co. do.*
- 40 Denison Fowler, *do. do.*
- 41 Richard C. Springs, *South Carolina.*
- 42 William M. Genet, *Albany.*
- 43 Rebecca Minard, *Ulster Co. N. Y.*
- 44 Julia Sandford, *Chenango Co. N. Y.*
- 45 Sally Robinson, *New-York City.*
- 46 Isabella Anderson, *do.*
- 47 Isaac Stanton, *Dutchess Co. N. Y.*
- 48 John Mandeville, *South Carolina.*
- 49 Eliza Briare, *Albany.*
- 50 Joshua Husk, *New-York.*
- 51 Sally Callender, *Troy.*
- 52 Maria Sherwood, *Woodstock, Ulster Co.*
- 53 Sally Sherwood, *do. do.*
- 54 William Hocknell, *Albany.*

- 86 James H. Green, New York
- 87 Benjamin Barton, New York
- 88 James H. Green, New York
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