

ACTS

PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AT THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRD LEGISLATURE,

BEGUN AND HELD IN NEW ORLEANS, JANUARY 6, 1873.

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AN ACT

Conferring certain additional powers and privileges on the Metairie Cemetery Association, and to punish trespassers.

WHEREAS, A certain association known as the Metairie Cemetery Association, has been formed, and is now in existence under the general corporation laws, by act passed before James Fahey, a notary public of New Orleans, on the twenty-fifth day of May, 1872:

Metairie Cemetery Association.

SECTION 1. *Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened,* That if any person shall open any tomb or grave in the lands of the Metairie Cemetery Association, and clandestinely remove or attempt to remove any body or remains therefrom, such person on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment at hard labor for a term not less than one year nor more than five years, and pay a fine of not more than five hundred dollars at the discretion of the court. And any person who shall willfully destroy, mutilate, deface, injure or remove any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other structure placed therein, or shall willfully destroy, cut, break or remove any tree, shrub or plant within the limits of said cemetery, or shoot or discharge any gun or firearms within said limits, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof, before any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, be punished by a fine at the discretion of the judge, according to the aggravation of the offense, of not less than five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars for each and every offense.

Trespasses and misdemeanors: punishment of.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the property of the said Metairie Cemetery Association be and is hereby forever exempted from all taxation, State as well as municipal and parochial, so long as it remains dedicated to the purposes of a cemetery.

Taxes—exemption from.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That all lots, tombs and monuments in said cemetery shall be forever exempted from seizure under execution or assignment for debt under any insolvent or bankrupt law, and no public road, street or avenue shall be laid out or opened over, upon or through the lands of said corporation.

Seizure—exemption from.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the said Metairie Cemetery Association shall have perpetual existence.

Term of existence.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the powers granted to said Metairie Cemetery Association by its original act of incorporation or with the provisions of this act be and are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed)

CHARLES W. LOWELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(Signed)

C. C. ANTOINE,

Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved March 22, 1873.

(Signed)

WILLIAM P. KELLOGG,

Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy :

P. G. DESLONDE,

Secretary of State.