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NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE- ITS CHARLER AND CONSTITU-TION OF BOARD.

We have been reluctant to attempt to tackle consitutions, but inasmuch as even members of the board of North Carolina College have asserted t) us and it has been noised abroad that North Carolina College can't be removed, placing the Lutheran church in the State in a most ridiculous light before the world and chilling the zeal of some friends not of the Lutheran church in Concord who mean to not miss the orportunity to get the college if it can the power to sell the property where be had, we take up the charter and it is now located and buy or receive. the constitution of the board of di- as donated, all real or personal rectors and we hope we will no fail property that it can acquire at any to put at rest all questions of the punt, and the Synod's believing that feasibility of getting the the college the purposes named in section 1. if it is not drawn by the greater z-al of some other town.

We quote verbatim only those parts bearing on the matters at issue.

The charter is entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of North Carolina College."

It was ratified Jan. 21, 1859. Section 1 says:

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Christopher Melchor, Matthias Barrier, Samuel Rothrock, Daniel I. Dreher, Daniel Barrier, Jacob Crim, Levi C. Groseclose, Paul A. Siffert, Joseph A. Linn, Godhard D. Bernheim, Caleb A. Heilig, John Shimpoch and Daniel H. Bittle, and their successors duly elected, be, and they are hereby made, constituted and declared a body corporate in the name of the 'Trustees of North Carolina College,' for the instruction of youths, in tha various branches of science, literature andart, with perpetual succession, with all the immunities and privileges and subject to all the restrictions prescribed in chapter 26 of the Revised charter, and the charter names Mt. Code, entitled 'Corporations.'"

Section 2 relates to conferring degrees by the president and professors, by and with the consent of the trustees.

Section 3 relates to the prohibition of evil influences.

Section 4 says:

"Be it further enacted, That the Trustees of said College shall at no time exceed eighteen in number: and when yacancies occur in the Board of Trustees, they shall be filled by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, and such other Synods of the Lutheran Church as may hereafter become associated with it in patronizing said College; and in case such Synod or Synods fail to fill such vacancies, then the Trustees shall have power to fill vacancies in their body."

Note that Synod chooses these directors to fill vacancies.

The section provides for filling them by the board only in the one supposed emergency. ;

Section 5 says:

"Be it further enacted, That said College be situated at Mt. Pleasant, in the County of Cabarrus.

Now if you magnify this section sbove the spirit and evident intent of the whole scheme, and make the location paramount to the interests or very existence of the institution and emphasize the words SHALL BE SITUATED you may nail the college down to its present location and if its doors were closed there the Synod could not use the name for a similar institution located else where, Are charters eyer granted without specifying location or central place of business? Surely not. Equally sure is it that the law-making power that grants the charter will amend the same in the interets of the institution or enterprise when the incorporators desire. Charters are easily changed to suit the wishes of incorportors for the promotion of chances to accomplish the original design.

Section 6 says:

"Be it further enacted, That said corporation may take, hold, bargain, and sell, such real estate, moneys, stocks, and other personal chattels, as may be necessary for the transaction of its business, and carrying out of the purposes of its creation, not exceeding in value four hundred thousand dollars."

Here, we think, is clearly vested viz "the instruction of youths" can be more successfully accomplished by such removal the power is not left wanting.

Section 7 relates to the date of going into effect.

We now follow with the "Constitution of the Board."

Section 1 says:

"This Board shall be known as the Board of Truetees of North Carolina College, located at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus County, and under the control of the Eyangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, as provided for in the Charter."

In this section, consistent with the charter, it names the college at Mt. Pleasant, and when the charter under the control of the Evangelical command. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. It says, too, as provided for in the Pleasant, but there is no reason to believe that the location was a con-The major purpose was a college the board. "for the instruction of youths" and not the interests of any location.

Section 2 says:

"Every Trustee before he takes his seat as a member of this board shall solemnly subscribe the following formula, yiz: Sincerely approving the Charter of North Carolina College with its accompanying regulations, I do solemnly declare and promise in the presence of God and this Board, that I will faithfully endeavor to carry into effect all the provisions of said Charter and regulations and thus promote the design of said College."

Note, "Sincerely approving the Charter of North Carolina College, with its accompanying Regula tions," according to section 2 of charter, would include the acquisitien and sale or disposal of properties of all sorts for carrying out the purposes of its creation, and this is not to be sacrificed for the minor ides of location, which most certainly is essentially incidental and auxiliary to the grand purp se "for the instruction of youths" Note the closing words, "and thus promote the design of said college" which was "for the instruction of youths," and certainly it was and is the imperative duty of every m-mber of the board to consider the interests of the institution above that of locals ity, even though it involve a personal sacrifice.

Sections 3 and 4 relate to officers of the board and their duties, Ladies goods in black and colors, 50c. tenures, etc.

Section 5 provides for opening and closing meetings with prayer.

Sestion 6 provides for called meets Section 7 provides for inaugur:

tion of president. Section 8 requires the board to look after the professors and section

Section 10 is:

9 after the students:

"At every stated meeting of the Black Sateen 49 to 1.48. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina the Board shall forward to said body in writing a detailed and faithful account of the state of this Institution. Said Synod may recommend to the Board any measures they may deem conducive to the welfare of the Institution, and every such recommendation shall be considered at the next regular meeting of the Board, and may be accepted or rejected as the majority of the Trustees shall see fit."

Note that this section requires of the board to produce a true report of the college, implying essentially that the Synod is supreme and the board subordinate. The remainder of the section gives the board the right by a majority vote to accept or reject its recommendations but nowhere relinquishes the S nod's right to command the board. Even its recommendations must be considered at a specified time.

This section wisely presumes that the board, being a special committee and of a somewhat local nature, might have good reasons for rejecting the recommendations of the Synod in the practical operations of names a different place this section | the college. But it warrants no prewill be quickly changed to suit, but sumption that the board may refuse note that it unequivocally says, to comply with Synod's express

Section 11 reads:

"All matters requiring the sense of this Board shall be viewed as final whenever voted for by the majority of the same."

Please note the word majority and sideration paramount to the success that an order to remove the college of the college or parallel with it. does not require the sense even of

Section 12 18:

"Seyen members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact any business except reversing, altering, or changing any previous action of said Board, or any of its regulations, which can be done only by a two-third vote of all the members."

Clearly this refers to changing the constitution, etc., for it says "reversing, altering or changing any previous action of the board." This does not meet the case of removal. for the location of the college was not an act of the board but of the

Section 13 refers to a local board, its powers, duties, etc.

Section 14 prescribes the oath for

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