

CHAT. 101. same, and the same at their pleasure to transfer or dispose of in such manner as they may think proper; *Provided, always,* That the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in annual value, the sum of five thousand dollars.

Legal capacity

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be forever hereafter capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all and any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatever.

Corporate powers and objects

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation, to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure, to change, alter and make anew from time to time, as they may think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities, as by law are incident or necessary to corporations of this character, and what may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted; and to enable the members of said order to exercise all things concerning the design of this corporation, for the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed; *Provided,* that nothing herein contained, shall be deemed or taken to confer banking privileges.

Hall exempted from tax

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That any Hall, that may hereafter be erected in the town of Easton, for the meeting of the above corporation, and the ground and appurtenances thereto attached, be and the same are hereby released from taxation.

Right of inquest, reserved

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful at any time for the general assembly, to demand a statement of the amount of property, real and personal, belonging to the said corporation, and of the debts due to and from the said corporation, and the purposes for which disbursements shall have been made, and shall also have the right to authorise one or more persons to inspect such general accounts in the books of the corporation, as shall relate to such statement.

Reservation

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the general assembly of Maryland, reserves the right to change, alter, or annul this act of incorporation at any time.