

suggestion shall be made, to order and direct the record of proceedings in such suit or action to be transmitted to the judges of any county court within the district for trial, notwithstanding the first proviso in said section. CHAP. 314.

CHAPTER 314.

*An act to incorporate the Maryland State Colonization Society.* Passed Mar. 14, 1833

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That George Hoffman, Thomas Ellicott, Nicholas Brice, Alexander Nesbit, Thomas E. Bond, Nathaniel Williams, John Hoffman, James Howard, Moses Sheppard, Peter Hoffman, William McDonald, Luke Tiernan, Samuel Baker, Peter Neff, Solomon Etting, John J. Harrod, John Gibson, Charles Harper, and John H. B. Latrobe, and Charles Howard, together with such other persons as may, at this time be members of the association called the Maryland State Colonization Society, and who may hereafter become members thereof, according to the mode that may be prescribed in the by-laws of said society, and their successors, be, and they are hereby created and declared to be a corporation and body politic, by the name, style, and title of "The Maryland State Colonization Society," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be liable to sue and be sued in any court of law or equity in this State, and may have and use a common seal, and the same may alter and renew at pleasure, and shall have power to purchase, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee or otherwise, any lands, tenements, and hereditaments, by gift, grant, bargain and sale, devise, or other act of any person or persons, body politic, or corporate, whatsoever; to take and receive any sum or sums of money, goods, or chattels, that shall be given, sold, and bequeathed, to them, in any manner whatsoever; and to occupy, use, and enjoy, or sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all such lands, tenements, and hereditaments, money, goods, or chattels, in any such manner as they shall determine to be best adapted, and most conducive to the object of colonizing, with their own consent, in Africa, the free people of color of Maryland, and such slaves as may be manumitted for the purpose, and which is hereby declared to be the sole and exclusive object of the said society; and as soon after the passage of this act as may be convenient, to elect such officers as they, or

Company incorporated.

Powers granted.

Object defined.

Election of officers