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CHAPTER 7.

Passed May
24, 1813.

An act to incorporate the trustees of the Westminster General Meeting House, in Frederick county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, sundry inhabitants of the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, and its vicinity, have by their petition, set forth to the legislature that they have purchased a lot of ground in the said town, and have erected thereon a house for public worship, and pray for an act of incorporation for the regulation and organization of said house of worship, and it appearing reasonable that the prayer of said petition be granted: Therefore,

Trustees—
powers & pri-
ileges.

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Isaac Shriver, David Fisher, James M'Haffie, Joshua Gist, Francis Hollingsworth, James M'Cannon and William Durbin, senr. from and immediately after the passing of this act, shall be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, stile and title of the trustees of the Westminster General Meeting House, and that they, the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, and their successors, to be elected as herein after mentioned, shall have a perpetual succession, and shall be able and capable in law to purchase, take, have, hold, receive and enjoy to them and their successors, in fee simple, or for any lesser estates, any property, real, personal or mixed, which by the constitution and laws of this state may be acquired and held by any religious society: *Provided nevertheless*, That such property shall not exceed ten thousand dollars; and also that the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity in as full and effectual manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate may sue or be sued, plead or be impleaded; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said trustees by the name aforesaid, to cause to be made and used one common seal to authenticate all acts and instruments of writing respecting their business, and the same at pleasure to alter and renew.

Proviso.

Election of
trustees—who
shall be enti-
tled to vote—
how to be as-
certained, &c.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for the purpose of keeping up and perpetuating the trustees of the Westminster General Meeting House, an election shall be held at some place in Westminster on Easter