

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS on Monday the seventh of November, and ended the thirty-first Day of December, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the following LAWS were enacted:

JOHN HOSKINS STONE, Esquire, Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year. Passed December 30.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That each member of the council shall be entitled to receive, for the ensuing year, the sum of two hundred pounds current money for his salary. Salary ascertained.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to incorporate the charitable marine society of Baltimore. Passed December 30.

WHEREAS Thomas Elliott, David Porter, Thomas Cole, Levin Hall, Daniel Howland, John Snider, Joseph White, Tobias Stanbury, Peter Sharp, and others, have formed themselves into a society, with the charitable view of affording relief to the distressed widows and orphans of members of the said society, and for other laudable purposes they have prayed an act of incorporation; and the legislature being desirous of promoting such benevolent and humane undertakings, have granted the same; therefore, Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Thomas Elliott, David Porter, Thomas Cole, Levin Hall, Daniel Howland, John Snider, Joseph White, Tobias Stanbury, Peter Sharp, and others that now are or may hereafter become subscribers and contributors to the said corporation herein erected, and may be admitted into the said corporation agreeable to the rules and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, for ever, by the name of the Charitable Marine Society of Baltimore, and by the same name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may at all times hereafter be persons able and capable in law to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee, or less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, bank stock, registered debt, or other public securities within this state, by the gift, bargains, sale or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the benevolent and charitable uses of said society; provided nevertheless, that the said corporation or body politic shall not, at any one time, hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of twenty thousand pounds current money. Persons incorporated, &c.

III. *And be it enacted*, That the members of said corporation, and their successors, may meet together on the twenty-sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, at Baltimore-town, and on the same day annually for ever thereafter, or as soon after as may be, and then and there elect the officers of said society, and form such rules and regulations as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this Corporation to meet, &c.