

C H A P. II. this act, provided such rules and regulations be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this or the United States.

Appoint-  
ments to con-  
tinue.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That all appointments of officers for said society heretofore made by the members thereof in their private capacities, shall respectively continue and be of full force until the time specified by this act for the first election of officers for said body corporate.

Corporation  
may sue, &c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be for ever hereafter able and 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 or any judges, officers, or other persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever, and that it shall and may be lawful for them, and their successors, for ever hereafter, to have a common seal for their use, and the same, at the will and pleasure of them and their successors, to change, alter, break and make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities, as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind, and which may be necessary to the corporation herein and hereby constituted and erected, to enable them duly and fully, in the law, to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent of their said incorporation, for the benevolent succour and relief of the widows and orphans of members of the said society, agreeable to such rules and by-laws as may be established by said society.

C H A P. III.

Passed De-  
cember 30.

An ACT for the relief of Lucy Jennings, widow and devisee of Richard Jennings, late of Frederick county, deceased.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the said Richard Jennings, a native of Ireland, about the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four, came into this state to reside, and afterwards purchased and took conveyances in fee of several parcels of land lying in Frederick county, and afterwards, by last will and testament, devised the same to his wife Lucy Jennings, subject to the payment of certain legacies, and all his debts: And whereas doubts have arisen, whether the said Richard Jennings ever became naturalized, and competent in point of law to hold and enjoy real estate within this state: And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the said Richard Jennings served and acted as a citizen in various capacities, and held a commission of lieutenant in the militia of this state, and that it is reasonable and just that his said will should take effect;

Will to have  
operation,  
&c.

II. **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That the last will and testament of Richard Jennings, executed on the fifth day of July, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, have, to every intent and purpose, the same operation and effect, as to the conveyance of the lands therein mentioned, as if the said Richard Jennings had been naturalized, and had become a citizen of this state antecedent to the purchase and acquirement of any of the said lands, and making of the said will, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall affect or defeat the right or claim of any citizen of this state to any of the said lands, or any part thereof, acquired before the passage of this act.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT for the relief of Christian Weaver.

Passed De-  
cember 30.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS a certain Richard Allen, of Baltimore county, did, by his deed, bearing date on or about the tenth day of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, convey, in fee-simple, to the said Christian Weaver, all that part or portion of a tract of land called Level Union, containing two acres of land, the said Richard Allen being, at the time of making the said deed, an alien, and not naturalized, and it appearing that the said