

## CHAPTER 42.

Passed Feb. 20, 1867. AN ACT, to incorporate the Westminster Gas Light Company.

Incorporated  
—power and  
privileges.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* William A. Cunningham, Reuben A. Holmes, Joshua Yingling, Alfred Trosel, A. R. Durbin, William Lawyer, H. L. Norris, Dr. J. W. Hering, David H. Shriver, H. Haines, William Moore, John L. Reifsnider, William A. McKellip, Dr. J. L. Warfield, and all such persons as shall associate with them, by becoming stockholders in the manner hereinafter provided, their successors and assigns, are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the Westminster Gas-Light Company, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered, in any Court of law or equity, to make and use a common seal, and to alter the same, and generally to do and perform all such acts, and make all such agreements and contracts, and to purchase, lease, hold, use and possess such lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels, as may be necessary for carrying on the manufacture of, or procuring, or collecting Gas, or inflammable air, and preserving, using and distributing the same, as the means of lighting the public and private houses, streets, squares, lanes, alleys and other places in the city of Westminster and its precincts, or for carrying on any manufacture necessary for converting to useful purposes, the products of any substances which may be employed in making or procuring Gas, and for disposing of the same, and such other powers as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this Act; *provided*, the said Company shall not possess or hold at any one time, real and personal estate together above the value of one hundred thousand dollars, without the consent of the Legislature.

Proviso.

Books to be  
opened.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the seven persons first above named or a majority of them, may