

Thomas, Elias Matthews, John Marshall, David G. McCoy, Joseph H. Jewett, Reubin Haines, James Russell, Benjamin Hallowell, Darlington Hoops, and all other members of the Society of Friends who hold their yearly meetings in Lombard street in the city of Baltimore and who may hereafter become members thereof agreeably to such discipline and rules as the said society may adopt, be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name and style of The Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, held on Lombord street, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be able and capable to sue and be sued at law and in equity, to have a common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure, and to do all acts necessary and lawful for carrying into effect the objects and purposes of the aforesaid society, and are hereby authorized and empowered to receive, purchase and hold real and leasehold estate and other effects and property, and the same to grant, mortgage, demise, or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part or parts thereof, provided the clear yearly value of the property of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any trustee or trustees holding any property for the benefit of the aforesaid society shall execute a declaration signed and acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace where said property may be, that the same has been held in trust for the use and benefit of the aforesaid society, and shall file the same to be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, and in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the respective counties in which said property may be situated, The corporation hereby created shall, by means of said declaration and the recording thereof, be deemed and taken to be fully vested of all such property and estate as fully to all intents and purposes as if said property had been granted to the corporation created by this act by lawful conveyance or assignment.

Declaration to be signed and acknowledged.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That full power and authority is hereby given to the aforesaid corporators to frame such constitution for the perpetuation of the

Authority to frame a constitution.