

## CHAPTER 357.

Passed Mar. 19, 1867. AN ACT to incorporate the Chestertown and Reading Room and Library Association.

Preamble. WHEREAS, it has been represented to this General Assembly that certain citizens of Chestertown and its vicinity have formed themselves into an association for the purpose of establishing a public reading room and of collecting a library of literary and scientific books with a desire to cultivate and encourage the mental and moral improvement of its members, for the better accomplishment of which design they have asked for an Act of incorporation; and whereas, the objects of such association seem to be laudable and beneficial, and said request to be reasonable; therefore:

Incorporated. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That George B. Westcott, George W. T. Perkins, George Vickers, Thomas W. Eliason, James A. Pearce, William N. E. Wickes, Samuel W. Spencer, William S. Walker, Jesse K. Heines, Richard Hynson, and Joseph A. Wickes and such other persons as now are, or may hereafter become members shall be, and they are hereby created and made a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the Chestertown Reading Room and Library Association, and by that name shall have continued succession, and be able and capable in law to make contracts, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, defend and be defended in any Court of law or equity in this State or elsewhere, and to make, have and use a common seal and the same to alter or renew at their pleasure.

Election of Officers. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said corporation shall have power to elect on the first Wednesday of May in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and annually thereafter, from among its members, a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Librarian and a Board of five Directors, who shall continue in office for one year, or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified, and that the officers and Directors shall