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ter as a receptacle for invalids requiring surgical aid, and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or a majority of the survivors, shall always be competent to act in the premises, and the said lot of ground shall be purchased by, and the deed shall be made to the said commissioners, or the survivors of them, and it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or a majority of the survivors, as soon as the said building shall be completed, or as soon as the same shall be fit for the reception of invalids, to grant by a deed to be recorded in Baltimore county court, the said lot of ground, with the buildings thereon, to Doctor William Gibson and Doctor John Owen, of the city of Baltimore, for and during the term of twenty years, to be computed from the date of the said deed, and immediately upon the execution of the said deed, the reversion of the said lot, with the appertinances, shall *ipso facto* vest in the state of Maryland, and the said state shall be seized of the same estate therein as was vested in the said commissioners.

Building to be used as a receptacle of invalids from all parts of the state

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the building so to be erected as aforesaid, shall be called the Surgical Institution of Baltimore, and shall be held, used and occupied, by the said William Gibson and John Owen, as a receptacle of invalids from all parts of the state of Maryland requiring surgical aid; and it shall be the duty of the said William Gibson and John Owen to receive into the said institution, and to administer surgical aid gratis to all such persons as may produce to them a certificate from the orphans court of any county in this state, declaring that the person to whom such certificate is granted is an object of charity; *Provided however*, that the person so applying shall pay a reasonable compensation for his or her board, it being the intention of this act to provide surgical aid for the poor gratis, but not to provide them the means of subsistence.

Proviso

To be used for no other objects than those which are medical

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said surgical institution and buildings and appertinances belonging thereto, shall be applied to and used for no other purposes or objects than those which are medical, according to the true intent and meaning of this act; and that in case of the death of the said William Gibson and John Owen, or either of them, during or within the said term of twenty years so specified in the said deed, so to be made by the said commissioners to the said William Gibson and John Owen; that then and in that case, a successor or successors, as the case may be, duly qualified according to the true meaning and intent of this act, may and shall be appointed for the unexpired part of the said twenty years, by the said commissioners, or a majority of them, within two months of said vacancy, so to manage and conduct the affairs of said Surgical Institution, as it is the meaning of this act that they shall be conducted and managed by the said William Gibson and John Owen, to all intents and purposes as if they the said William Gibson and John Owen were to live and continue to execute the said duties as professional superintendants over the said Surgical Institution according to the true intent and meaning of the third section of this act.

Standing committee—application of funds

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a standing committee from the body of the said commissioners shall be from time to time appointed by said commissioners, to see that the affairs of the said Surgical Institution are conducted by the said superintending physi-