

CHAP. 99.

Allowance for child of R. Hughes.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be lawful for the said levy court to allow Winifred Files such sum as they may deem reasonable, not exceeding forty dollars annually, so long as they shall see cause, for the support of the infant children of Richard Hughes.

CHAP. C.

Passed Feb. 3, 1818 *An Act to incorporate the German Society of Maryland.* Lib. TH. No. 5. fol. 618.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the arrival of Germans and Switzers from Europe, and the numerous settlements made by them in various parts of the union, have induced a number of persons in this state to associate themselves for the purpose of removing or lessening their distresses in a strange land, and these persons having applied to the general assembly of Maryland for an act of incorporation, therefore,

Society incorporated.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Christian Mayer, John Stricker, Augustus J. Schwartz, Brenard J. Vonkapff, Henry Scarroeder, Justus Hoppe, John Frederick Fries, Conrad Schultz, James Keerl, Augustus Hammer, Frederick Leypeld, Frederick L. E. Amelung, Michael Kimmel, William Krebs, Louis Brantz, Philip P. Eckel, Jacob Small, Lawrence Thomsin, Louis Mayer, David Hoffman, and William Frick, the present officers of the German Society of Maryland, and all persons who are or may hereafter become members of said society, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby created and made one community, corporation and body politic, for ever hereafter, by the name, style and title of "The German Society of Maryland."

To purchase and hold real property

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be capable in law of purchasing, receiving, holding, selling, leasing and conveying, in manner of lands, tenements, goods and chattels, rents, annuities, liberties, franchises, or other property, real, personal or mixed; *Provided always*, that the clear annual value or income from the property of the said corporation shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars exclusive of the monies arising from annual or other stated subscriptions or payments.

Proviso.

Authorised to sue, &c.

3. 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, in all or any court of justice, and it shall and may be lawful for them to have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew, at pleasure, and generally to do all things and acts which may be necessary to carry into effect the benevolent designs of said corporation.

Rules and by-laws

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation, and their successors, shall be capable of making such rules and by-laws as may be necessary for the regulation and government of said corporation, the same not being contrary to the laws and constitution of this state, or of the United States.