

CHAP. 158. *ket*, so that the same contain nothing contradictory to what is herein contained, or to the laws of this state.

## CHAP. CLIX.

Passed Feb 11, 1818 *An Act to Incorporate the Liberty Fire Company in the City of Baltimore.* Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 90.

Company incor-  
porated

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Jessup, president of the Liberty Fire Company in the city of Baltimore, and his successors, and all such other persons as are now or hereafter may become members of the said company, shall be and are hereby declared *one community* and body corporate for ever hereafter, by the name and title of The Liberty Fire Company, and by that name they shall be and are hereby made capable in law to take, purchase, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, a lot of ground conveyed by John Eager Howard, in fee simple, to William Jessup, Ephraim Robinson and George Decker, in trust for the entire use and benefit of the said company, and other real or personal estate or property, and the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the company; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation shall not at any one time hold or possess such estate or property above the annual value of fifteen hundred dollars.

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2. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the said company, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall for ever hereafter be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, defend and be defended, in all and any courts of justice whatsoever, and also to make and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew, at pleasure, and also from time to time to form and adopt such by-laws and regulations for the government of the said company, and the concerns thereof, as they may judge necessary and useful, and for the preservation of the engine of said company, and all the implements and apparatus belonging thereto, or used therewith; to regulate the election of officers and members, to enforce attendance of the members at the meetings of said company, and observance of the by-laws thereof, and for the orderly government of said company, the same not being contrary to the laws of this state or the United States; and generally to do and execute all such acts, matters and things, as to them shall or may appear necessary and proper for the purposes aforesaid.

## CHAP. CLX.

Passed Feb 11 1818 *An Act relating to the Village of Church-Hill, in Queen-Anne's County.* Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 92.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the inhabitants of the village of Church-Hill, in Queen-Anne's county, that the tranquillity and prosperity of said village would be materially promoted by having the same under the direction of a board of commissioners; therefore,

Election of com-  
missioners

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That five judicious and discreet persons, residing in the village of Church Hill, shall be elected by ballot, on the third Monday of March next, annually thereafter, at some public place in said village, by the free male white house keepers or heads of families, residing in