

*An act to incorporate the Working Men's Beneficial society of Ellicott's Mills.* Passed Mar. 4, 1834

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Edward C. Alexander, William Partridge, John George, Hammond Shipley, Edward C. Lyon, Alfred Bell, James Martin, Samuel Powel, John Martin, William J. Timanus, Caleb Mergman, David Emhart, and such other person or persons as now are or hereafter may become members of the said Working Men's Beneficial Society, shall be and they are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, forever hereafter, by the name and style of the Working Men's Beneficial Society, and by that name they shall be and they are hereby made able and capable in law to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, chatels, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments, and the same to sell, grant, demise, alien or dispose of in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the society: *Provided nevertheless,* that the said corporation or body politic shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said society and their successors, by the aforesaid name, shall forever hereafter be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended in all or any court of justice whatsoever, and also to have, make and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure, and also to assemble and meet at such times as they or a majority of them may agree upon, and to ordain, establish and put in execution such by laws, ordinances and regulations as to them shall seem conducive to the interest of said society, and necessary to the good government and orderly management thereof, the same not being contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States; and generally to do and execute all such acts, matters and things as to them shall or may appertain to do.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That no member of the said society shall be answerable in his person or individual pro-