

CHAPTER 29.

CHAP. 29

Passed Jan. 29, 1836 *An act to incorporate the Columbia Beneficial Society of Maryland.*

Preamble

WHEREAS, Ezekiel C. Johnson, Charles Hogg, James Lownds, James Coburn, William Jones, John Dowell, Stephen G. Donahoe, and others, have formed themselves into a society for the laudable purpose of affording relief to each other and their respective families, in the event of sickness and death, and have prayed an act of incorporation, that they may the better execute their intentions, and the Legislature being desirous of promoting such useful institutions:— Therefore,

Persons incorporated

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Ezekiel C. Johnson, Charles Hogg, James Lownds, James Coburn, William Jones, John Dowell, Stephen G. Donahoe, and others, that now are or may hereafter become members of said corporation herein erected, or may be admitted into said corporation agreeably to the constitution, rules and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, by the name, style and title of the Columbia Beneficial Society of Maryland; Provided nevertheless, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members, as is hereinafter provided.*

Style

Provisions for dissolving

Officers to manage

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted, That the affairs of said society shall be managed and conducted by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, five Stewards, and a Messenger, to be elected annually on the third Monday in March, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, in each and every year, in such manner as said society shall think proper to appoint.*

General powers conferred

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted, That the present members of said society, and their successors, or a majority of them, by their corporate name, shall and may have succession, and may be at all times hereafter persons able and capable in law, to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee or less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities,*