

CHAPTER 162.

AN ACT to repeal sections one and two of chapter five hundred and sixteen of the laws of Maryland passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at the December session of the year eighteen hundred and forty nine, and to re-enact the same with amendments and to add additional sections thereto, entitled section two A, section two B, section two C, section two D.

Preamble. WHEREAS, said act passed at said session, did authorize a corporation styled Bethel Cemetery, thereby formed, to acquire and hold real estate therein described for the purpose of a cemetery, to an extent not exceeding four acres, and

Preamble. WHEREAS, for the purpose of said corporation it is necessary that it should acquire and hold a greater quantity of land than four acres, and

Preamble. WHEREAS, under the supposition of its directors that it had the right to acquire more than four acres under the said act, land in excess of that quantity has been purchased by it for the purposes aforesaid, and

Preamble. WHEREAS, from the peculiar wording of the said second section of said act, it has been believed that the lot owners of said cemetery had the right to elect seven directors to succeed the seven directors in said act named, and

Preamble. WHEREAS, under said belief, it has been the practice for a number of years past, to elect seven directors therefor, and

Preamble. WHEREAS, at the present time Samuel Thompson, Henry Clayton, Joshua Clayton, J. Fletcher Price, Charles T. Ellison, Joseph H. Brooks, and James A. Lewis are directors of said body corporate, elected under said supposed authority.

Bethel Cemetery. SECTION 1. *Therefore be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Samuel Thompson, Henry Clayton, Joshua Clayton, J. Fletcher Price, Charles T. Ellison, Joseph H. Brooks, and James A. Lewis and all others who now are or hereafter may become owners or possessors of burial lots in the cemetery aforesaid be and they are hereby ordained and declared to be a body corporate by the name and style of Bethel Cemetery, and by that name and style, they and their successors and assigns, shall and may have perpetual succession and be capable to sue in any court or courts of law and equity, to purchase, take, hold and enjoy in fee, land, not exceeding ten acres, goods, chattels, and effects of every kind which may be necessary to