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are or may become liable to be committed to the work-house or poor-house of said county, they shall be in lieu thereof committed to the custody of the sheriff of said county to be confined in the apartments so to be designated, for the term authorised by such laws, and specified in the commitments, on low and coarse diet, and at hard labor.

Dec. 28, 1826.

CHAPTER 91.

An act to incorporate a company in the city of Baltimore, to be called "The Patapsco Fire Company."

Passed Feb. 28, 1826.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, that the members of the Patapsco Fire Company of the city of Baltimore, have provided themselves with a complete and efficient apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, and have adopted a constitution for the government of said company; and in order to give effect to the laws, rules and regulations which have or may be established by the said company, it has been prayed that an act of incorporation may pass in their favor; Therefore,

Incorporation

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That J. I. Cohen, junior, the president of said company, and such other persons as are now, or may hereafter become members of the same, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, one community, corporation and body politic forever thereafter, by the name and style of "The Patapsco Fire Company," and by that name they shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments, 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 or body politic, shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars per annum.

Proviso.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said company 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 courts 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 and places as they may agree upon; and to ordain, establish and put in execution, such bye-laws, ordinances and regulations, as to them shall seem conducive to the interest of the said company, 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.

Powers granted.