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ed expedient and necessary in such manner as may be thought proper.

Powers granted.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid members and their successors by the same name. shall be able and capable in law to purchase, have and enjoy to them and their successors in fee or less estate, any estate or estates, lands or tenements, also annuities, pensions or other hereditaments within this state by gift, bargain, sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release or confirmation of any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic capable to make the same; and such lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions or other hereditaments, or any less estate, rights, interests of, or in the same at their pleasure to grant, alien, sell and transfer in such manner and form as they shall think meet and convenient for the furtherance of the object of the said society; and also that they may take and receive any sum or sums, and any kind of goods and chattles, that may be given or sold to them by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make a gift or sale thereof, and employ the same towards maintaining the said society, in such manner as they shall judge necessary and convenient, and for the promotion of the good of the association.

Legal capacity.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid members and their successors shall be able in law, in the name of the president and directors of the La Fayette beneficial society of Baltimore, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court or courts, before any judge, judges or justice within this state or elsewhere in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters, and demands of whatsoever kind, nature, or form they be. To make have and use one common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure, and all and every other matter and thing to do in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, body politic or corporate within the state in like cases may or can do.

Limitation.

5. *And be it enacted*, That the yearly value of the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments, and real estate of said society and corporation shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars current money; and all gifts to said society and corporation after the yearly value of their estates shall amount to thirty thousand dollars as aforesaid, and all bargains and purchase to be made by the same corporation, which may increase the yearly value of said estates above or beyond the aforesaid sum shall be absolutely void and of none effect: *Provided*, Each member of this corporation shall be individually liable for the debts to be contracted by the directors thereof, by virtue of their corporate powers.

Proviso.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said society shall have power to determine the amount in money, which each person shall pay on being admitted a member of said society, the amount of monthly, quarterly, and yearly contributions which each member of the society shall pay for violations of the laws of the society;

Admission—  
expulsion—  
contributions.