CHAPTER 123.

An Act to incorporate the Maryland Academy of Science and Literature

Dec Ses 1815 Passed Feb 16, 1826. Preamble.

WHEREAS, the cultivation of science and literature is highly conducive to the glory and prosperity of states: And whereas, the establishment of learned societies has been found greatly to promote this end, in other countries and in most of the states of this confederation, by collecting, concentrating and preserving the various productions and specimens of nature and of arts And whereas, a society has been already organised for this purpose within the city of Baltimore, which is desirous of obtaining an act of incorporation; and as it is important to direct the attention of observant and ingenuous men to the developement of the natural resources of our state: Therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Incorporated. Robert Gilmor, Horace H. Hayden, Julius T. Ducatel, Joshua I. Cohen, William Frick, P. Maccaulay, John Buckler, Philip T. Tyson, John S. Skinner, James H. M'Culloch, John Buckler, George Frick, Elie Durand, George S. Townsend, A. I. Schwarze, Tobias E. Watkins, Owen Reynolds, Howard Sims, Da. vid Keener, William Howard, Israel D. Maulsby, Even T. Ellicott, Evan Poultney, Benjamin I. Cohen, Edward Patterson, William Fisher, David Hoffman, Oliver Sims, Edward Denison, William Donaldson, Isaac Tyson, Josiah Pennington, Joseph E. Muse, George S. Gibson, James I. Fisher and William Wood, and their successors memcers of the said academy, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, under the etyle and title of the Maryland academy of Science and Literature, with power to them and their successors, to adopt a common seal, and the same to alter and change, and by the name above written, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, and to take and hold property, real, personal and mixed, and the same to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of, and in general to do, perform and suffer all acts and things which may lawfully be done, performed and suffered by a natural person: Provided. The annual income of Proviso. said society, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

2. And be it enacted, That this incorporation or a majority of Powers granthe members of the same, shall have full power to make a sys- ted. tem of rules and regulations under the denomination of byelaws or otherwise, for the management of their affairs and the government of the said company, and the same to alter and amend, abrogate and annul whenever they may think proper: Provided. The said regulations or bye-laws be not repugnant to

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3. And be it enacted, That the property of the said company shall not be transferred, bargained and sold, mortgaged, pledg- tobe disposet ed, alienated er otherwise disposed of without the consent pre . of.

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