

sickness, at the rate of from two to eight dollars per week; and that doubts have been entertained whether the certificates of health insurance issued by said company come within the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and forty-five, chapter three hundred and sixty-six, taxing policies of Insurance as therein provided; and also that such tax, if enforced against said company, would impair, if not prevent its active and useful organization; Therefore,

Not subject
to act of 1845,
ch. 360.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the certificates or policies of health insurance issued or to be issued by the Franklin Health Insurance company of Baltimore, are hereby declared not to be subject to the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and forty-five, chapter three hundred and sixty-six, entitled, an act taxing policies of insurance.

Power con-
ferred.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Franklin Health Insurance company shall have power to add to each policy of insurance issued by them, a provision for the payment of any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, as a funeral benefit for the family or friends of deceased members.

CHAPTER 434.

Passed May 31, 1853. AN ACT to incorporate the Maryland and Georgia Commercial and Manufacturing company.

Incorporated

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That William Chesnut, Charles B. White, John S. Brown, William Davison, Thomas G. Canby, Samuel Kramer, A. K. Mantz, John Wesley Kramer, George M. Smith and Samuel Barnet, their associates, successors and assigns, be and they are hereby created a corporation and body politic by the name of the Maryland and Georgia Commercial and Manufacturing company, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable to sue and be sued in any court of law or equity in this State, or the United States, or any or either of the States, or in any other place whatsoever, to have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure, to establish by-laws for the organization, conducting and regulating the said company and its business and affairs, and to change