

necessary and proper to carry into effect the provisions of this act and to promote the designs of the corporation.

Officers and directors.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the by-laws, rules and regulations of the said Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association of Baltimore shall be the by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the corporation hereby created until the same shall be regularly repealed or altered by said corporation; and that the present officers and directors of the said Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association of Baltimore shall be the officers and directors of the said corporation hereby created until the regular times for the election of officers and directors as prescribed by its by-laws and their qualifications for office.

Powers of corporation.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall have the power of receiving subscriptions, donations, devises and bequests of money or real or personal property, in trust or otherwise, and of purchasing or otherwise acquiring and holding such property, to be applied by it to the objects of its incorporation.

Approved March 21, 1882.

Chapter 77.

AN ACT to repeal section thirty-nine of article thirty-seven of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Evidence," and to re-enact the same with amendments, as follows:

Repealed and re-enacted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section thirty-nine of article thirty-seven of the Code of Public General Laws be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

39. If there be no subscribing witnesses to any such deed, bond, bill, note or other instrument of writing, or if all the witnesses thereto shall die before the execution thereof be proved as aforesaid, proof by a credible witness to the handwriting of