

create an annuity, and to pay annually to a board of nine trustees, and their successors, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, perpetually, hereafter, forever, in equal quarter yearly payments, for the purchase and maintenance of the said library, with not less than four branches in different parts of the city, said branches to be established by said trustees within such time as can be reasonably accomplished out of said quarterly payments, the title to said library, its branches, books and all other property to be vested in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the control and management of the said library and other property to be in said Board of Trustees; and whereas the plan thus proposed offers the means of perpetually promoting and diffusing knowledge and education among the people of the city of Baltimore, and it is therefor proper that full power should be conferred on the corporation of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to avail itself thereof for the purposes aforesaid, therefore—

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to accept the said proposal of the said Enoch Pratt, as set forth in the preamble to this act, and full power and authority are hereby given to said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, upon the conveyance of said lot of ground and improvements aforesaid, and upon the payment to said Mayor and City Council by the said Enoch Pratt of said sum of eight hundred and thirty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, to contract and agree by ordinance, to be approved by the legal voters of said city as hereinafter provided, to pay perpetually forever to the Board of Trustees of Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore city, as hereinafter provided for, the sum of fifty thousand dollars per annum in equal quarterly payments forever.

Empowered to accept.

Contract and agree.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Enoch Pratt, George Wm. Brown, Nathaniel H. Morrison, Henry James, Charles J. Bonaparte, George B. Cole, Edward Stabler, Jr., James A. Gary, John W. McCoy, and their successors, be and they are hereby constituted and appointed "The Board of

Board of trustees.