

CHAPTER 116.

AN ACT to incorporate the Colored Laboring Sons and Daughters Beneficial Society of Hagerstown. Passed Feb. 8, 1866.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* Incorporated. That Henry Darks, Charles Reeder, Jacob F. Wheeton, Jeremiah Farmer, Lloyd Morgan, Samuel Lake, Cornelius Green and [and] the officers and members of the Colored Laboring Sons and Daughters Beneficial Society of Hagerstown, they and their successors, be and they are hereby, declared a body politic for the objects and intentions of said society, which are hereby declared to be for mutual aid and assistance and benevolent purposes generally.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said society shall have power to make a constitution and by-laws to carry out their purposes, and the same to alter, amend or abolish at pleasure; *provided,* they shall in no wise conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maryland, or of the United States of America, in which they may require such dues and fines as may be necessary; they may also receive donations, invest their funds in stocks, personal or real estate, or in such manner as they, or a majority of them, may deem best; *provided,* they shall at no time have, hold or possess property, exceeding in value the sum of ten thousand dollars. Power to make constitution, Provisos.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That they and their successors may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in accordance with the laws of this State, to have and use a common seal, and the same to alter and break at their pleasure; but nothing in this act shall be construed to authorise the issuing of any note, token, device, or evidence of debt, to be used as currency; and the General Assembly hereby reserves the right to alter, amend or abolish this act of incorporation at pleasure. May sue and Banking prohibited. Reservation.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from and after its passage. In force.