

LIX.

CHAP. 59:

An Act to incorporate a Company in the City of Baltimore, to be called
The Independent Fire Company.

Passed Feb 4, 1827

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the members of the Independent Fire Company of the city of Baltimore, have provided themselves with a complete and efficient apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, and have adopted a constitution for the government of said company; and in order to give effect to the laws, rules and regulations, which have or may be established by the said company, it has been prayed that an act of incorporation may pass in their favour; Therefore,

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That James Clark, the president of said company, and such other persons as now are, or may hereafter become members of the same, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, one community, corporation and body politic, forever hereafter, by the name and style of The Independent Fire Company, and by that name they shall be and are hereby made capable in law to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments, and the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interests of the company; *Provided nevertheless,* that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars per annum.

Company incorporated

Proviso.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said company, and their successors, by the aforesaid name, shall forever hereafter be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice whatsoever; and also to have, make and use, a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure, and also to assemble and meet at such times and places as they may agree upon, and to ordain, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as to them shall seem conducive to the interests of the said company, and necessary to the good government and orderly management thereof, the same not being contrary to the laws of this state, or of the United States; and generally to do and execute all such acts, matters and things, as to them shall or may appertain to do.

To sue and be sued, &c.

CHAP. LX.

An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Smith, of Washington County.

Passed Feb 6, 1827

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Elizabeth Smith, of Washington county, be, and she is hereby divorced from bed, board and mutual cohabitation, with her husband George Smith.

Divorce granted

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said George Smith shall not, by virtue of his marriage with the said Elizabeth Smith, be in any manner entitled to, and that the said George Smith shall not be authorised to have or claim any right, title or interest, in the estate, real, personal or mixed, of the said Elizabeth Smith, whether acquired by the said Elizabeth Smith prior

G. Smith not authorised to claim title to any property of Elizabeth