

## CHAP. 127

## CHAPTER 127.

Passed March 7,  
1828.

*An act to incorporate a company in the city of Baltimore, to be called the Mechanical Fire Company.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly, that the Mechanical Fire Company of the city of Baltimore was instituted in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-three, for the purpose of protecting the property in said city against fire, and that the members thereof have provided themselves with a complete and efficient apparatus for that purpose, have adopted rules and regulations for the government of said company, and in order to give effect to the said rules and regulations, which have or may be established by said company, have prayed that an act of incorporation may pass in their favor, to enable them more effectually to carry into complete operation the object of their association: Therefore,

Corporate power  
granted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas S. Shephard, Hezekiah Niles, Isaac N. Toy, William Baker, John Dukehart, Thomas M. Locke, James Wilson, James Mosher, Joseph Holbrook, Joseph K. Stapleton, George Rogers, John Dukehart, junr. William Gwynn Jones and such other persons as now are or may hereafter become members, shall be, and they are hereby created and made a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the Mechanical Fire Company, and by that name shall have continual succession, and be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended in any court of law or equity in this state or elsewhere, and to make, have and use one common seal, and the same to alter or renew at their pleasure, and generally to do, perform and execute all and every matter and thing as to them shall or may appertain to do.

Organization and  
regulations-- legal  
capacity.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said incorporated company shall assemble and meet at such times and places as they now have, or may hereafter agree upon, to establish and put in execution all such by-laws, rules, ordinances and regulations as to them shall seem conducive to the interests of 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 that they are hereby made able and 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 proper: *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 fifteen hundred dollars per annum: *Provided nevertheless,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorise or empower the company by this act incorporated, to carry on any trade or business, or to do or perform any act or thing not necessary to the attainment of the object for which the company is declared to be incorporated.

Proviso.