

## CHAP. 193

## CHAPTER 193.

Passed March 14,  
1828

*An act to incorporate the Young Men's Bible Society of Frederick county.*

Preamble

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that a number of the inhabitants of Frederick county have formed themselves into a society for the purpose of furnishing the Holy Scriptures to those of their fellow citizens, who from poverty, or other causes, are unprovided therewith; and whereas this General Assembly is desirous to aid and encourage an institution so apostolic in its objects—Therefore,

Society incorporated.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That James M. Shelman, John A. Donne, James G. McNeely, Dr. Henry Staley, Seth Thomas, George Kooetz, Jacob Englebrecht, William L. Helfenstein, Lewis Ramshburgh, George Englebrecht, Augustus L. Ebbert, John Hanchew, Robert Laird, Dr. Albert Ritchie, William J. Ross, Thomas Shriver, Allen P. Duvall, William Marvin, William Webber, and John C. Howard, and others who are or may hereafter be admitted into their society, agreeably to such rules and by-laws as now are, or as they may from time to time establish for the beneficial and orderly management of their institution, shall be, and they and their successors and assigns, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation, and body politic, forever hereafter, by the name and style of the Young Men's Bible Society of Frederick county.

May hold property—limited.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the corporation and their successors, by the aforesaid name, shall be, and 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, pensions, and other hereditaments, in fee simple, or for a term of years, life, lives, or otherwise, and also goods, chattels, and effects of what nature, kind or quality soever, and the same to grant, demise, alien, or dispose of, and by the name aforesaid, to do and execute all other things touching the same: *Provided,* That the clear yearly value of the real estate of said corporation, exclusive of any house which they may hereafter possess for the keeping of the books and effects of the society, exceed not the sum of three thousand dollars.

Corporate powers granted.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said society and their successors, by the aforesaid name, shall be forever hereafter able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended in any court of record, or any place whatsoever, and also to sue for all legacies which have been left to said society prior to this act of incorporation, and to make, have 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 by a majority of the voices of those attending to ordain, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as to them shall seem necessary and convenient for the government of the society and institu-