

CHAP. 473½

Body  
corporate.

and their successors, be and they are hereby created and made a body politic and corporate by the name of the "Fort Frederick Protective Society," and by that name shall have succession, with full power and authority to provide for the admission or rejection of members, and to make all by-laws necessary for the government of the society; to have and use a common seal; to purchase and take by deed, or otherwise, the real, personal or mixed estate hereinafter described for the purposes hereinafter declared, and the same, or any part thereof, to dispose of as hereinafter provided, and to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, at law or in equity, to receive subscriptions and donations in money by gift, bequest or devise, and perform whatever any corporation, any body politic or individual may, can or might lawfully do, execute and perform, within the scope, and for the objects and purposes of said corporation as hereinafter provided, and within the limitation of the powers hereinafter enumerated and herein to said corporation granted.

Authority to  
acquire by  
gift, devise,  
lease, etc.,  
certain  
property.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall have power to acquire by gift, devise, lease, purchase or condemnation, the land in Washington county, Maryland, upon which the stone structure known as "Fort Frederick" now stands, together with said stone structure known as "Fort Frederick," and such lands adjoining thereto, as may be necessary and proper to protect, preserve, repair and restore said stone structure and provide access thereto for the public, for the purpose of caring for, preserving and protecting the same, and for opening up and improving avenues, roads and modes of access to the same for the public, and for fencing the same, and for properly marking the same with tablets, having reference to the study and correct understanding of the origin and historical significance of said "Fort Frederick;" said tablets each bearing a brief historical legend, and when thereto required by the State of Maryland to convey the same to said State of Maryland freely and without any expense or charge to said State of Maryland; the said corporation, by its officers or agents, authorized by said corporation, may agree with the owner or owners of the lands and stone structure known as Fort Frederick, hereinbefore mentioned, for the purchase and use and occupation of the same; and if they cannot agree, or if the owner or owners or any of them be an infant *feme covert*, who is not