Chapter 17.

AN ACT to incorporate the trustees of the West River Quaker Burial Ground.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by deed dated the twenty-second day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and recorded among the land records of Anne Arundel county, in Liber G. E. G., No. 3, folio 110, &c., Charles C. Stewart and Hannah M. M. Stewart, his wife, did convey to Thomas J. Richardson, A. Murray Thomas and Thomas J. Franklin, trustees, and the survivor or survivors of them, with power to such survivor or survivors to fill any vacancy occurring in the number, a parcel of land in said county known as the Quaker Burial Ground, and particularly described in said deed by metes and bounds, in trust to them and their successors, to hold the same for the use and benefit as a burial ground for the persons named in said deed and their families and heirs and such others as the said trustees or survivors might grant permission to ; and whereas, experience has shown that it is desirable to have burial grounds subject to the laws, rules and regulations of a corporation, in order to secure to the living the continual protection of the remains of their dead ; and whereas, the said Thomas J. Richardson and A. Murray Thomas, two of said trustees, have since died, and C. Morris Cheston and John Thomas Hall have been duly appointed trustees in their place and stead, and the said Thomas J. Franklin, C. Morris Cheston and John Thomas Hall, all residents of Anne Arundel county aforesaid, have prayed for an act of incorporation for the purpose aforesaid ; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas J. Franklin, C. Morris Cheston and John Thomas Hall, and their successors, be and they are hereby created a body corporate by the name of trustees of the West River Quaker Burial Ground, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, with power to fill vacancies in the number of its trustees, and to make and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure, and to hold the

Power to fill vacancies.