

nineteen, &c., devise and bequeath two hundred dollars, to be raised out of his property and paid to the Trustees of the Benevolent Society of the United Brethren in Christ for missionary purposes, and did also devise and bequeath one-eighth of the residue of his property to the Elders, Trustees and members of the German Evangelical Reformed Church, in the city of Baltimore, and their successors in office, to be by them invested in ground rents or otherwise for the use and benefit of the said church, so long as the said church continues to take its Preachers from the Church of the United Brethren in Christ—in the event of the said German Evangelical Reformed Church refusing to receive their ministers from the United Brethren in Christ, then, and in that case, the above named one-eighth, so invested, with the use thereof, go to the Trustees or Board of the Benevolent Society of the United Brethren in Christ in Hagerstown, Maryland, for the purpose of raising a meeting house or congregation in the city of Baltimore; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Trustees of the Benevolent Society of the United Brethren in Christ, also the German Evangelical Reformed Church in the city of Baltimore, and also the Trustees or Board of the Benevolent Society of the United Brethren in Christ in Hagerstown, be and they are hereby permitted, authorized and empowered to receive, take and hold the property and estate devised and bequeathed to them as aforesaid.

Authorized to receive and hold property.

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.