

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. In force.

CHAPTER 140.

AN ACT to incorporate "The Elkton Gaslight Company," at Elkton, Cecil county, Maryland. Passed Mar. 7, 1864.

WHEREAS, John W. Baker and Lucius U. Maltby, under the name and firm of J. W. Baker & Co., have erected and completed at their own expense in the town of Elkton, suitable gas works, for the manufacture of illuminating coal gas for the lighting of said town, and which are at this time in successful operation; *and whereas*, they desire to offer an opportunity to the citizens of said town and vicinity, to become part owners and stockholders in said gas works, and for that purpose propose to organize and have incorporated a joint stock company, under the name and title of the Elkton Gas Light Company. Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John W. Baker, Lucius U. Maltby, James T. McCullough, William Torbert, Francis A. Ellis, William J. Jones, James Graham and Samuel B. Foard, and all such persons as shall associate with them by becoming stockholders, in the manner hereinafter provided, their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the Elkton Gas Light Company, and shall have continual succession, and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered, in any court of law or equity, and to make, have and use a common seal, and to change or alter the same at pleasure, and to do and perform all such acts generally, and make all such contracts and agreements, and to purchase, hold, lease and use, such lands, tenements, heredita- Incorporated