

CHAPTER 20.

AN ACT to continue the charter of the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society. Passed Jan. 7, 1862.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That an act entitled, An act to incorporate the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society, passed December session eighteen hundred and forty-three, and the supplements thereto passed December sessions eighteen hundred and forty-four and eighteen hundred and forty-nine, be and the same are hereby continued in force until the first day of January eighteen hundred and ninety, and to the end of the next session of the General Assembly thereafter; the Legislature hereby reserving the right to alter, amend or repeal the charter hereby extended at pleasure. Act of incorporation continued.
Reservation.

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

CHAPTER 21.

AN ACT to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, to the Legislatures of the several States. Passed Jan. 10, 1862.

WHEREAS, It is provided by the fifth Article of the Constitution of the United States of America that Congress, whenever two-thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the said Constitution, or on the application of the Legislature of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing amendments, which in either case shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States or by Conventions in three-fourths thereof as the one or the other modes of ratification may Preamble.