

CHAPTER 216.

AN ACT to amend the Act entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Preachers Aid Society of Baltimore," passed January 27th, 1827; being Chapter 40 of the Laws of Maryland of 1826, and the re-affirmation of said Act passed at the January Session of the Legislature of 1858, being Chapter 11 of the Laws of 1858.

WHEREAS, Samuel Harden, William Wilkins, Thomas E. Bond, Philip Littig, Andrew Adgate, Thomas Armstrong, Fielder Israel, Christian Keener, James Brundige, Alexander Russell, William M'Konkey, Jr., Thomas Kelso, Robert Armstrong, Jacob Rogers, George Ernest and John Berry, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the City of Baltimore, and others, have formed themselves into a Society for the laudable purpose of affording relief to the itinerant ministers of the said Church, their wives, widows and children, and for the education of the latter, and have prayed for an act of incorporation, that they may be the better enabled to carry such their purposes into effect; and the General Assembly of Maryland being desirous of promoting such institution; therefore,

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Samuel Harden, William Wilkins, Thomas E. Bond, Philip Littig, Andrew Adgate, Thomas Armstrong, Fielder Israel, Christian Keener, James Brundige, Alexander Russell, William McKonkey, Jr., Thomas Kelso, Robert Armstrong, Jacob Rogers, George Ernest and John Berry, and others that now are, or hereafter may become members of the corporation herein created, or may be admitted into said corporation agreeably to the constitution, rules and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, by the name, style and title of the Methodist Preachers' Aid Society of Baltimore, and by that name they are hereby made able and capable in law to have, hold, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents, annuities or pensions, in fee-simple or for a term of years, life, lives or otherwise, and also goods, chattels and effects, of what nature or description whatsoever, and the same again to grant, divide, alien or dispose of; Provided that the clear yearly income of the real and personal estate of said corporation exceed not the sum of twenty thousand dollars.