

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas Layman, John Perigoy and Benjamin Buckingham, and their successors, to be elected agreeably to the rules and regulations of said church, shall be, and hereby are created and declared to be, a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of The Trustees of the Particular Baptist Gunpowder Church, in Baltimore county, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity in this state, or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew, at their pleasure; and also to ordain and establish such by-laws and ordinances as shall appear necessary for regulating the temporal concerns of the said church, and for promoting literature within the same, not being repugnant to this act, or the laws of this state.

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Trustees incorporated.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all the lands and tenements, with their appurtenances, now vested in trustees for the use of the said church, and all other property of said church, shall be and are hereby absolutely and unconditionally vested in the said body corporate, and their successors, for ever; and the said corporation shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, capable of bargaining and selling, leasing and conveying, any part of the said property, or any other property which *may be, which* by the constitution and laws of this state, may be acquired and held by any religious society.

Lands, &amp;c. vested in body corporate

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all acts or deeds of the said corporation shall be signed by the trustees, in behalf of the corporation, and sealed with their corporate seal, and all deeds by them for the conveyance of any lands and tenements of the corporation, which by the laws of the land ought to be acknowledged and recorded, shall be signed and sealed as aforesaid, and shall also be acknowledged in due form by the trustees, as such, in behalf of the corporation; and all such acts or deeds of the said body corporate, so authenticated, shall be valid and effectual in law.

Deeds of incorporation to be signed by trustees. &amp;c.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation shall be capable of purchasing hereafter, real and personal property, not exceeding in value the sum of three thousand dollars.

May purchase property

## CHAP. X.

*An Act for the benefit of John Morris, alias John Morrison, of Baltimore County.*

Passed Jan 22, 1820

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that a certain John Morris, *alias* John Morrison, on the fourteenth day of September seventeen hundred and eighty-five, purchased of Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, the intendant of

Preamble.