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*An act to incorporate the Baltimore Theatre and Circus.*

Passed Feb 27, 1828

WHEREAS, certain citizens of the city of Baltimore have associated themselves for the purpose of erecting and holding a building or buildings, in the said city, to be used for a circus and other public exhibitions, and whereas the persons composing said association, have contributed a large fund which has been devoted to the said purpose of the association, in the construction of extensive buildings, now used for such exhibitions as aforesaid; and with a view to the said objects have prayed that their said association may be created a body corporate: Therefore;

Preamble.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas Wisley, William Hickley, Egan Samsbury, John I. Gross, Joseph Robinson, Ephraim Barker, James Bush, John Boyd, Thomas L. Murphy, Adolphus Duman, Charles Grover, Jacob Gross, H. W. Good, William Cullimore, Henry Cliffe, Walter Crook, Jr. Richard Bradshaw, David Pugh, Joseph Otterman, Theophilus T. Fitzberger, and their associates as aforesaid, and such other persons as shall hereafter become stockholders in the corporation hereinafter mentioned, shall be, and they are hereby created, a body politic and corporate, by the name style and title of the Baltimore Theatre and Circus company, and by that name, shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity, and may make and have a common seal, and the same break, alter, or renew, at their pleasure; and the purposes, objects, and business, powers and privileges, of said corporation shall be, and are hereby declared only to be the creating, holding, using and employing, for their profit and advantage, one or more buildings in the city of Baltimore for Circus and Theatrical, and other public exhibitions and performances, not inconsistent with, or in violation of the laws of this State, or the ordinances of the Mayor and city Council of Baltimore, and allowing and procuring such exhibitions and performances to be held and take place in such buildings, and the erecting, holding, enjoying and employing, for their profit and advantage, all such ground or buildings as shall be incidental to, or for the convenience of such exhibitions and performances, and for the preservation of said principal buildings aforesaid.

Persons incorporated.

Corporate powers.

Prohibition.

Capital stock—shares.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred [ ] each, payable in such instalments and at such times as the directors of said corporation shall determine, and the directors are hereby authorised from time to time, to enlarge the capital stock aforesaid, and to receive subscriptions therefor, as they