

An act to Incorporate the Antietam Fire Company in Hagerstown, Washington County. Passed Mar. 9, 1835

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That William D. Bell, William Holliday, Daniel Carver, Roberdeau Annan, William Johnson, John W. Kennedy, Jacob Swope, Jacob Bachelder, William Weber, Alexander Armstrong, Peter Swartzwelder, Victor Thompson, William S. Brown, and such other persons as now are, or hereafter may become members of the Antietam Fire Company, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, one community, corporation, and body politic, forever hereafter, by the name and style of The Antietam Fire Company; the object of which Company is hereby declared to be the protection of the property of the citizens of Hagerstown from destruction by fire, for which purpose they are hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess ^{Corporation created} enjoy, and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, or other hereditaments, and the same to grant, demise, alien, or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interests of the Company; *Provided, nevertheless,* that the corporation, or body politic, shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal, or mixed, exceeding in value the sum of ten thousand dollars. ^{Powers conferred}

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Company and their successors, by the aforesaid name, shall forever thereafter be able and capable, in law, to sue and be sued, plead, and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all or any court of justice whatever, and also to have, make, and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure, and to assemble and meet at such places and times as they may agree upon, and to ordain, establish, and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, as to them shall seem conducive to the interest of the said Company, and necessary to the good government and orderly management thereof, the same not being contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States, and generally to do and execute all such acts, matters, and things, as to them shall or may appertain to do. ^{Legal capacity, &c}

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all fines which shall, ^{Or Fines} may accrue to the said Company in consequence of delinquencies or mal-conduct of any member or members, shall