

chattels, bank stock, registered debt, or other public securities, in this state, by the gift, bargain, sale or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporation, capable to make the same, and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the benevolent and charitable uses of said society; provided nevertheless, that the said corporation or body politic shall not, at any time, hold or possess real, personal or mixed property, exceeding in total value the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the members of said corporation, and their successors, may meet together on the first Monday of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten, at the city of Baltimore, and on the same day annually thereafter, or as soon after as may be, and then and there elect the officers of said society, and form such rules and regulations as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act, provided such rules and regulations be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state, or the United States.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be for ever thereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matter and demands, whatsoever, and that it shall and may be lawful for them, and their successors, for ever hereafter, to have a common seal for their use, and the same, at the will and pleasure of them, and their successors, to change, alter, break and make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities, as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind, and which may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted to enable them, duly and fully, in law, to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent of their said corporation, for the benevolent succours and relief of their members, and the widows and orphans of deceased members of the said society, agreeably to such rules and by-laws as may be established by them.

C H A P. XLIII.

An ACT to appoint Commissioners to review the Road therein mentioned, in Harford County.

Passed 6th of
Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, by the petitions of the landholders over which the road, commonly called The Sandy Bottom Road, is laid, and others, that the said landholders have sustained considerable damage, for which a very inconsiderable compensation have been made, and that the said road is not of that public utility that will authorise the opening thereof, and pray that a law may pass appointing commissioners of review, to review the said road, with power to reject or confirm the same, and in case of a confirmation thereof, to be authorised to assess and levy such further damages as they in their judgment shall think them entitled, if any; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John Moores, Andrew Turner, Gilbert Jones, William Whiteford and Thomas Hope, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners of review, to review the road directed to be laid out by an act, entitled, An act to appoint and authorise commissioners to review and lay out the road therein mentioned, in Harford county, passed at November session, one thousand eight hundred and seven, chapter seventy, beginning at the Sandy Bottom, and they, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised to confirm the said road as laid under the direction of the aforesaid law, or to reject the same, as they in their judgment may think proper; and in case the said commissioners shall confirm the said road, then and in that case they shall proceed to assess such further damages as they in their judgment shall think the landholders over which the said road is laid entitled to, in addition to the sum or sums of money already levied for them; and the said commissioners shall return to the clerk's office of Harford county a full and correct statement of their proceeding, either in case of their rejecting or confirming the said road, to be there recorded.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court shall, in case the said road be confirmed as aforesaid, and further damages assessed by the said commissioners, levy, and direct the same to be paid over to such person or persons as shall be entitled thereto; and in case the said commissioners shall reject the aforesaid road, then and in that case the sum or sums of money already levied for the purpose of satisfying the damages sustained by the landholders over which the said road is laid, shall be