

CHAP. 256. son, to Charles S. Simmons, be and the same is hereby confirmed and made valid in law, and that the said Charles S. Simmons hold the said negroes and their issue according to the terms and provisions of said bill of sale from Thomas Warfield to Rezin Simpson, recorded in Liber H. S. number seventeen, folios fifteen, &c., one of the records of Frederick county, in the same manner, and to all intents and purposes, as if the said executor had conveyed the said negroes to the said Charles S. Simmons, by a good and sufficient bill of sale, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded, according to law, at the time of said sale.

#### CHAPTER 256.

Passed March 10, 1860. AN ACT to incorporate the Merrill Patent Fire-Arm Manufacturing Company.

Incorporated. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Robert W. Pendleton, James H. Merrill, P. E. Thomas, Jr., William Woodward and David Cushing, and all and every person or persons who with them or in their stead shall hereafter become associated with them, their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate and politic by the name and style of the Merrill Patent Fire-Arm Manufacturing Company, and by that name shall and may have perpetual succession, and be capable in law of purchasing, holding, improving and disposing of property, real, personal and mixed, for the purpose herein authorised, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and defend in all courts of law and equity, and may make, execute and deliver, or have or cause to be made, executed and delivered to them all deeds, transfers, grants, covenants, contracts, agreements and bargains whatsoever necessary for the purposes and objects of said company, and may have and use a common seal, which they shall have power to alter or renew at pleasure, and generally to do every other act or thing necessary to carry