

rate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same ^{CHAP. 158.} at their pleasure to transfer or dispose of, in such manner as they think proper; *provided always*, that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in value the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be forever thereafter 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 and any judge, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever. ^{Legal capacity.}

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change, alter and make anew, from time to time, as they may think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as by law are incident or necessary to corporations, and what may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted. ^{Corporate powers.}

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the said corporation to issue any note, token, scrip, device or other evidence of debt, to be used as currency. ^{Banking forbid}

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall inure for thirty years, if not sooner repealed by the General Assembly. ^{In force.}

CHAPTER 158.

An act to incorporate the Otterbein's German Beneficial Society of Baltimore. ^{Passed March 1, 1842.}

WHEREAS, William Numsen, William Raine, Frederick Ahlsberger, Charles Widener and others, have formed themselves into a society for the laudable purpose of affording relief to each other and their respective families, in the event of sickness, distress and death, and have prayed for an act of incorporation that they may better execute their benevolent intentions—therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That William Rumsen, William Raine, Frederick Ahlsberger, Charles Widener and others, who now are or may hereafter become members of said society, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community. ^{Incorporated.}