

world, of which system of international exchanges he appears to have been the zealous and disinterested advocate, both in Europe and America; *and whereas*, this General Assembly recognizes the utility of his plan, and approving the same, is willing to lend its aid in the execution of it—therefore,

CHAP. 77.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Robert Gilmor, Roger B. Taney, William E. Wyatt, Jonathan Meredith, Patrick Macauley, J. V. L. McMahon, Fielding Lucas, Junior, Joseph W. Patterson, Julius T. Ducatel, W. E. A. Aikin, George W. Andrews, J. H. Alexander, George W. Burnap, William Bose, McHenry Boyd, Francis H. Davidge, John L. Carey, J. R. W. Dunbar, George W. Dobbin, Thomas Edmonson, Junior, William Frick, J. Fonerden, George Frick, Duff Green, James Green, H. H. Hayden, David Hoffman, P. R. Hoffman, William G. Harrison, William H. Keigler, John P. Kennedy, David Keener, Samuel Kirk, R. Leslie, G. W. Lurman, J. H. B. Latrobe, R. Carey Long, Charles F. Mayer, J. C. L. Monkur, J. G. Morris, Thomas Swann, Junior, G. B. Smith, O. C. Tiffany, Ross Wynans, Thomas Wilson, J. Mason Campbell, Brantz Mayer, John C. Sumner and Robert McKle, their associates and successors, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Maryland Institution of Literature, Science and Arts, and by that name shall have succession, and be capable and liable to sue and be sued, in any court of law or equity, to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to alter, or renew at pleasure, to receive, purchase, have, hold, and convey such real and personal property, as may be necessary for the purposes of their incorporation, and generally to have all the powers and privileges ordinarily belonging to a corporation.

Persons incorporated.

Name and style.

Legal capacity.

Corporate powers.

Objects

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the purpose of the corporation shall be the diffusion of knowledge among the people, by forming for their use collections of objects of interest in science, literature and the arts, and by establishing public lectures for their instruction.

Officers, etc.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the officers of the corporation shall be a president, eight vice presidents, and thirty-six directors, a corresponding secretary, a secretary of exchanges, a recording secretary, and a treasurer, who shall constitute the board of directors; the board of direction shall meet on the first Thursday of every month, and whenever called together by the president; and at all meetings seven members shall constitute a quorum; the board of direction shall have power to fill all vacancies in its own

Vacancies—how filled.