

and enjoy to them and their successors in fee or less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, United State's stock, bank stocks, registered debt or other public securities within this State, and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell and transfer, or lease in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of said society; *provided nevertheless*, that the said society shall not at any one time hold or possess property real or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of ten thousand dollars. CHAP. 173.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of said corporation and their successors may meet on the second Monday in December, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-three, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, and on the same day annually forever thereafter, then and there to elect officers of the said society, form such rules and regulations and enact such bye-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *provided* such rules and regulations and bye-laws be not repugnant to the constitution of the United States, of the State of Maryland and of the corporation of the city of Baltimore. Proviso.
May elect officers, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors by the name aforesaid shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be implead, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judge or judges, officers or persons whatsoever in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever, and all legal process that may be instituted by the said corporation shall be in the name of the president and officers of The Second German Beneficial Association of the State of Maryland, and that all process that may hereafter be instituted against said society shall be served on the president on behalf of the same. Provided.
Corporate powers.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all appointments of officers for said society heretofore made by the members in their private capacity shall respectively continue and be in force until the time specified by this act for the first election of officers for this corporation. Officers appointed in private capacity to continue until election.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for said corporation, their successors forever 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 may think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as by law are incident and necessary to the corporations of this kind, and which may Common seal.