

CHAP. 28. their intentions, and the legislature being desirous of promoting such useful insitutions therefore.

Incorporated. **SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John Kelper, John Eickom, John Sommer, Lewis Frankerberger, Francis Kenty, Benhard Denerlein, John Rufner, Augusus Meltzbacker, and all those who now are, or may become members of this society hereafter, according to the constitution and bye-laws thereof, be and they are hereby created and made a corporation and body politic, under the name and style of the German Washington Beneficial Society of Fells Point and State of Maryland.

Officers—
powers. **SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That the officers of said Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a standing committee of nine members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot, at the annual meeting on the third Tuesday of December, in every year; at the same time a majority of the members present being necessary to constitute a choice, the society shall also have power to appoint such other officers as may be expedient and necessary, in such manner as may be thought proper.

May hold real
and personal
estate. **SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid members, and their successors by the same name shall be able and capable in law to purchase, have and enjoy to them and their successors in fee, or less estate, any estate or estates lands or tenements, also annuities, pensions or other hereditaments within the state, by gift, bargain, sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release or conformation of any person or persons, bodies corporate, or politic, capable to make the same; and such lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions, or other hereditaments, or any less estate, rights interests of or in the same, at their pleasure to grant, alien, sell and transfer, in such manner and form as they shall think meet and convenient for the furtherance of the object of the said society, and also that they may take and receive, any sum or sums, and any kind of goods and chattels that may be given or sold to them, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make a gift or sale thereof, and employ the same towards maintaining the said society, in such manner as they shall judge necessary and convenient, and for the purpose of promoting the good of the association.

Common seal **SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid members and their successors, shall be able in law in the name of the President and Directors, of the German Washington Beneficial Society of Fells Point and State of Maryland, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court or courts, before any judge, judges, or justice within this State or elsewhere, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes,