

matters and demands, of whatsoever kind; nature or form they may be, to make, have and use one common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure, and all and every other matter and thing in as full and effectual a manner, as any other person, persons, body politic or corporate, within the State in like cases may or can do. CHAP. 28.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the yearly value of the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other herediaments and real estate of said society and corporation, shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars, current money, and all gifts to said society and corporation after the yearly value of said estates shall amount to thirty thousand dollars as aforesaid, and all bargains and purchases to be made by said corporation, which may increase the yearly value of said estates above or beyond the aforesaid sum, shall be absolutely void and of no effect. Yearly value not to exceed thirty thousand dollars.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the said society, shall have power to determine the amount in money, which each person shall pay on being admitted a member of said society, the amount of monthly, quarterly, and yearly contributions, which each member of the society shall pay for violations of the laws of the society: regulate the distribution of the funds of the society among the members and their families, whom sickness or misfortune may render proper objects of the benevolence of the society, in the manner prescribed by the constitution of the society; to make rules and regulations for the admission of members, and for the expulsion of those whose misconduct may render them unworthy to remain members thereof, and to make such rules and regulations, as the consider necessary and expedient, to accomplish the object of the society, and are not repugnant to the laws of Maryland; *provided,* that no alteration in, or amendment to, the constitution shall be considered valid, unless proposed for consideration, at the next regular meeting; previous to its adoption: and unless two thirds of the members present, concur in such alteration or amendment. Power to regulate said society.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorise the said corporation, to issue any note, token, scrip, device, or other evidence of debt, to be used as currency. Proviso.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That this act of incorporation shall enure for thirty years unless sooner repealed by the General Assembly. Issues forbid 30 years.