

## CHAP. 9.

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Passed Jan: 5, 1843. *An act to incorporate the Channing Literary Institute of Baltimore.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that a number of the inhabitants of the city of Baltimore have formed themselves into a society, whose object is the promotion of literature, and the encouragement of the arts and sciences, by means of lectures, recitations and discussions—therefore,

Incorporated.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That William M. Starr, James M. Lindsey, William R. Patterson, Asa H. Needham, Jacob H. Meddairy, Henry H. Vanderford, and all others, who are, or may be hereafter members of the association, agreeably to such rules and regulations as now are, or may from time to time be established, for the government and management of the same, and their successors and assigns, be and they are hereby created a corporation and a body politic, by the name and style of the Channing Literary Institute of Baltimore, and by that name shall have succession, and shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, in any court of law or equity, and to make and use a common seal, the same to change and alter at pleasure, and to ordain and establish such by-laws and regulations, not contrary to law, as shall be necessary or convenient for conducting the affairs of the corporation.

May purchase and hold property, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the corporation and their successors by the aforesaid name, shall be and are hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive and possess, enjoy and obtain, to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions and other hereditaments in fee simple, or for a term of years, life or lives, or otherwise, and also goods, chattles and effects of what kind, nature or quality soever, and the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of; and by the name aforesaid to do and execute all other things touching the same; *provided,* that the total value of the property of the said corporation, real, personal and mixed, shall not exceed the sum of five, thousand dollars.

Proviso.

Officers; elected by ballot.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the passage of this act, the officers of the Channing Literary Institute, shall consist of a President, a Treasurer and two Secretaries, who shall be elected by ballot, on the first Thursday in January, April, July and October, in each year, a majority of the members present at the meeting, being necessary to constitute a choice; the association shall also have