

Thomas D. Marriott, Vincent Sutton, Joseph H. Bean, Robert Briggs, F. P. M. Sweeny, George Love, Elias Ford, George Reistein, Frederick Acke, Henry Bouinger, have formed themselves into a society for the laudable purpose of affording relief to each other and their respective families, in the event of sickness and death, and have prayed an act of incorporation that they may the better execute their intentions, and the legislature being desirous of promoting such useful institutions—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Lovelace G. Shipley, Peyton R. Rose, John. M. Mully, John Shaw, John B. Blackestone, George Coss, Thomas D. Marriott, Vincent Sutton, Joseph H. Bean, Robert Briggs, F. P. M. Sweeny, George Love, Elias Ford, George Reistein, Frederick Acke and Henry Bouinger, and others that now are, or may hereafter become, members of the said corporation herein erected, or may be admitted into the said corporation, agreeably to the constitution, rules and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, by the name, style, and title of the Washington Beneficial Society of Baltimore; *provided nevertheless,* that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members, as is hereafter provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the affairs of the said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, five or more stewards, and a messenger, to be elected at such time and place as the said society may deem proper.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the present members of the said society and their successors, by their corporate name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may be, at all times hereafter, persons able and capable in law, to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee or lease, estates and lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, United States stock, bank stocks, registered debts or other public securities within this state, by gift, purchase or devise, of or from any person or persons, body politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same at their pleasure to alien, transfer or lease in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of the said society; *provided nevertheless,* that the said corporation shall not at any one time, hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

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Incorporated.

Proviso.

Officers.

Corporate powers.

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