

*An act to incorporate a Company, in the City of Baltimore, to be called the Columbian Fire Company.* Passed Mar. 26, 1839.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly that the members of the Columbian Fire Company, of the city of Baltimore, have provided themselves with a complete and efficient apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, and have adopted a constitution for the government of said company; and in order to give effect to the laws, rules and regulations, which have or may be established by the said company, it has been prayed that an act of incorporation may pass in their favour:—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John Henderson, the President of said company, Frederick S. Littig, the Vice President of said company, and John Henderson, James Frazier, junior, Aaron Stockton, James Baxter, Job Fosler, John Jillard, junior, William Hunt, Henry W. S. Evans, Joseph Capprice, Richard Hamilton, Thomas Binnion, junior, and William Hooper, Directors of said company, and such other person as are now, or may hereafter become members of the same, shall be, and are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic forever thereafter, by the name and style of the Columbian Fire Company, and by that name they shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments, and the same to grant, demise, alien, or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the company; *provided nevertheless,* that the said corporation or body politic shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars per annum.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said company and their successors by the aforesaid name, shall forever hereafter be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all or any courts