

CHAP. 174. ground in Hagerstown, which was sold by William Hause for and on behalf of the heirs of Christiana Woorster to Elizabeth Lawrence; *provided*, said court shall be satisfied that such sale was fairly made and was advantageous to the said heirs at law.

Proviso

May order answers of infants to be taken, &c

Sale to be confirmed

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said court may order the answers of infants to be taken to such petitions as similar answers are now taken to bills in chancery, and may order affidavits to be taken of the fairness of the sale, and to prove that such sale was advantageous to the said heirs at law; and upon being satisfied that the said sale was fairly made, and that such sale was advantageous for all parties concerned, the said court shall decree a confirmation of such sale and a conveyance of said lot, and appoint a trustee to make a conveyance thereof; and such decree and conveyance shall pass in fee simple to the said Elizabeth, all the estate and interest of all the persons who may be parties to such decree; and said court shall dispose of the proceeds of such sale in the same manner as if the rule had been made under a decree of said court.

CHAPTER 174.

Passed Feb. 27, 1840, *An act to incorporate the Independent Hose Company of Frederick.*

Individuals incorporated

Name and style

Its object

Corporate powers

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Edward Shriver, Robert Johnston, George Markell, A. B. Hanson, William C. Russell, David B. Devitt, Samuel Carmac, George Hoskins, Thomas C. Prince, Charles Shriver, David J. Markey, and others, who are or may hereafter become members thereof, be and they are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic forever hereafter, by the name and style of the Independent Hose company; the object of which company is hereby declared to be, the protection of the property of the citizens of Frederick from destruction by fire, for which purpose they are hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors; lands, tenements, rents and 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