

CHAP. 206.

Proviso

rate capable to make the same; and the same property, real, personal or mixed, to alien, sell, transfer or base in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the benevolent uses of the said society; *provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

May hold meetings

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said corporation, and their successors, may meet together on such days and times, and at such place or places, in the city of Baltimore, as the said society may appoint; and may at such time and places, elect the officers of the said society, form such rules and regulations, make such alterations and amendments in and to their constitution, and make such bye-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of the said association, and the present act; *provided*, such rules, regulations, alterations and amendments in and to the constitution and bye-laws, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, of the State of Maryland, or of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

To elect officers and pass by-laws, &c

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation, and their successors, to have a common seal for their use, and the same at the will and pleasure of them and their successors, to change, alter, break and make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best; and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities, as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind; and that the said corporation, and their successors, shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all actions, matters, demands and things whatsoever.

Banking forbid

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorise or empower said corporation, to issue any note, certificate, token or evidence of debt to be used as currency; and the right is hereby expressly reserved to the General Assembly of Maryland, at its pleasure, to alter, amend or annul this act of incorporation.

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In force

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall continue and be in force for the period of thirty years and no longer, from the passage thereof.