

CHAP. 277. of the same officers, at which all persons shall be entitled to vote who shall have complied with the terms of membership, which may be prescribed by the constitution and by-laws of the corporation; the elections to be in all cases by ballot, and a majority of the members present being necessary to a choice; and in case, from informality or other cause, there shall be a failure to elect all or any of the said officers, there shall not be, nevertheless, any demise of the corporation, but the officers elected for the previous year, shall continue in office, with all the power and authority belonging to them, severally or collectively, until a new election by a special order of the corporation shall be had.

In force

Forfeiture of charter

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall be in force for thirty years from the passage thereof, and if from any cause this charter shall be declared forfeited by the proper authorities, or by any other means, the corporation shall be dissolved, then the possession of the property, estate, funds and revenue of this corporation, of what nature soever, shall by the said forfeiture or dissolution, be vested in the judges of the orphans' court for the county of Baltimore, under whose direction the affairs of corporation shall be settled up, and whatever sum or sums of money may remain after the payment of all the debts of the corporation, shall be divided amongst the widows and children of such of the contributors to the beneficial fund, as may have died, before such forfeiture or dissolution, in the proportion in which the said contributors shall appear to have contributed to the said fund.

Banking forbid

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SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize 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.

CHAPTER 277.

Passed Mar. 17, 1840. *An act for the relief of Negro Henry, of Washington County.*

Deed of manumission, valid

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the deed of manumission executed by John Hershey,