Shupp, P. Seibert, J. Ehly, A. Astendorf, J. Medinger, CHAP. 174. H. Rifly, P. Zimmermann, H. Wolf, A. Benner, U. Volk, W. Karl, and others, have formed themselves into a society for the laudable purposes of affording relief to each other and their respective families, in the event of sickness, distress and death; and have prayed for an act of incorporation that they may the better execute their intentions, and the Legislature being desirous of promoting such useful institutions:-There-

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Persons incor-Maryland, That H. Fries, F. Schwalbe, G. Medinger, John M. Muhlhofer, John Harig, F. Schwartz, H. Schupp, P. Seibert, J. Ehly, A. Astendorf, J. Medinger, H. Rifly, P. Zimmermann, H. Wolf, A. Benner, U. Volk, W. Karl, and others, that now are or may hereafter become members of the said corporation hereby created, 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 German Beneficial So-Style ciety of the State of Maryland; provided nevertheless, Power to disthat the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members as is hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the affairs of the President, comsaid society shall be managed and conducted by a president, treasurer and standing committee of nine members, and a secretary to be chosen out of said committee, the whole to be elected annually on the fourth Annual election Monday in December, in each and every succeeding year, in such manner as the said society shall think proper to appoint.

mittee, &c.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the present mem- Corporate pow bers of the said society, and their successors by their corporate name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may at all times hereafter be persons able and capable in law to purchase, take, have and enjoy to them and the successors in fee, or less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, United States' stock, bank stock, registered debt or other public securities within this State.