

1844. THOMAS G. PRATT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

CHAP. 121. out such road or way, may be exercised and performed by the three commissioners, or by any two of them.

Confined to Balt. county. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the operation of this act shall be confined to Baltimore county.

CHAPTER 121.

Passed Feb. 21, 1845. *An act to incorporate the Metamora Tribe, Number Four, of the Improved Order of Red Men, of the State of Maryland.*

Incorporated. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John M. Muhlhofer, Augustus Ballauf, Christian Boerner, Martin Schneider, Louis Weber, Thomas Newbert, Conrad Schuman, Gottlieb Steilitz, Jacob Vrienzle, Charles Wadner, George F. Menzel, David Louster, John Blake, Heinrick Lauber, Gustavus Olld, Christian Berch, the officers and members of the Metamora Tribe, Number Four, of the Order of Independent Red Men, of the State of Maryland, and their successors, be and they are hereby declared to be a community, corporation and body politic, by name, style, and title of the Metamora Tribe, Number Four, of the Independent Order of Red Men, of the State of Maryland, and by that name, they and their successors shall and may be capable in law, to have, receive, and retain, to them and their successors, property real and personal, and also devises and bequests of any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same at their pleasure to transfer or dispose of in such manner as they may think proper; *provided always,* that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, and personal, or mixed exceeding in value the sum of five thousand dollars.

Proviso.

Corporate powers.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation and their successors by the name and title aforesaid, shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impeaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of law and equity, and before all or any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular action, matters, or demands whatsoever.

To have a seal.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change, alter or make anew from time to time, as they may think best, and shall in general have and exercise all