

CHAPTER 188.

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An act to incorporate the Chesapeake Riflemen, of Baltimore City. Passed March 5, 1847.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That F. B. Steiner, W. M. J. M. Gerder, Joseph Ruddach, S. E. Smith and others, who now are, or may hereafter become members of said company, and their successors, are hereby declared to be a body corporate, by the name, style and title of the Chesapeake Riflemen, and by that name may hold real or personal property, not exceeding in value the sum of ten thousand dollars, exclusive of the arms and equipments of said company.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the said company, and their successors, by the aforesaid name, shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all and any courts of justice whatsoever, and before any judge or justice, in all and singular actions and demands, and to ordain, establish and enforce such by-laws, ordinances and regulations as to them shall seem conducive to the interest of said company, and necessary to the good government and management thereof, the same not being contrary to the laws of this State, or of the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the said company is authorised to receive, in addition to its regular complement of officers and men, fifty contributing as honorary members who, upon the payment of five dollars annually, shall be exempt from the performance of military duties, except in case of invasion by a foreign foe.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorise or empower said corporation to issue any notes, token, or certificate, or evidence of debt to be used as a currency; and that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to deny the right to the General Assembly of Maryland, to alter, annul or repeal this act of incorporation at pleasure.