

CHAP. 223. is hereby divorced from her husband John V. Shields, a vinculo matrimonii, and that the said Anna M. D. Shields be, and she is hereby authorised to resume, take, use and be known by her maiden surname Lee.

CHAPTER 223.

Passed March 7, 1847. *An act to incorporate the First German Reformed Beneficial Society of the City of Baltimore.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, George Eull, John Weppler, Sabastian Vulde, George Traband, Frederick Forell, John Vollenberg, John Krapf, August Fritzen, Henry Fenner, John Fenerbaum, Philip Albany, Philip Valentin and others, of the city of Baltimore, have formed themselves into a society, under the name and style of the First German Reformed Beneficial Society of Baltimore, for the purpose of aiding and assisting each other during periods of sickness of themselves and families, or when overtaken by misfortune, and have petitioned the General Assembly of Maryland for an act of incorporation—Therefore,

Incorporated.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the aforesaid members of said society, as well as those who hereafter, according to the constitution and by-laws of the said society, shall become members of it be, and they are hereby created and made a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of the First German Reformed Beneficial Society of Baltimore, and by that name shall have succession for fifty years, and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and selling both real and personal property as other corporations may do by law; *provided,* the value of property held at any one time, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars, and to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to make, have and use one common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure, and generally to do all acts and things which may be necessary to carry into effect the objects of the said corporation.

Name and style.

Proviso.

Officers.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the officers of said society shall consist of a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and a standing committee, consisting of nine members, to be elected on the second Monday in January annually, and a majority of members present being necessary to a choice, the society shall also have