

CHAP. 323. the orphans court or the justices of the magistrate's courts in the several counties of this State, are by the provisions of the act, to which this is supplementary, now invested; and that in all cases hereafter instituted under this act, before the justices of the orphans court, the same proceedings in all respects shall be had, and the same requirements observed, as are directed by the provisions of the third, fifth and sixth sections of the act to which this is a supplement.

CHAPTER 323.

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Associations
incorporated.

An act to authorise Incorporations in certain cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, the power and authority is hereby granted to any individuals, other than free negroes and mulattoes, in any city or county in this State, under any name by them assumed to associate, for the purpose of establishing lyceums, libraries, masonic or other lodges, fire companies, associations for literary, dramatic, moral, social, charitable and religious purposes, or connected with the promotion of arts and sciences; and being so associated, shall, on complying with the provisions of this act, be considered a body politic and corporate; may choose a president and other officers; may enact by-laws for the regulation of the affairs of such corporation, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, and compel due observance thereof, by suitable penalties; may sue and be sued, answer and be answered in any court of law or equity, and do all acts necessary and proper for the well ordering of the affairs of such corporation; *provided however,* that before any such association shall be entitled to the privileges of this act, they shall lodge with the clerk of the county wherein such corporation is designed to act, a copy of their articles of association, signed by the members originating the same, to be by him recorded; *provided also,* that this act may at any time be altered and repealed by the General Assembly.

Not to apply
to joint stock
companies.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the privileges of this act, shall not be extended to joint stock companies, formed for the purposes of banking, trading, mining, manufacturing, or to associations intended for the accu-