

PHILIP F. THOMAS, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR. 1847.

consideration the benefits, and that such damages shall be paid by the commissioners of Chestertown out of the corporate funds of said town.

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CHAPTER 293.

An act to incorporate the several Volunteer Companies in this State.

Passed March 2, 1848.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, all uniformed volunteer companies in this State numbering thirty-two active members, be and they are hereby declared to be bodies corporate by the name and style each may have agreeably to their constitutions, and by their respective names thus known, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all and every courts of justice in this State, or before any judge or justice, and may ordain, establish and enforce such bye-laws and regulations as to them shall seem conducive to the interest of said companies, and necessary to the good government and management thereof, the same not being contrary to the existing laws of this State or of the United States.

Incorporated.

Corporate powers.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorise or empower said corporations to issue any note, token or certificate or evidence of debt to be used as currency, and that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to deny the right to the General Assembly of Maryland to repeal this act at pleasure.

Banking forbid.

Reservation.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted. That each company hereby incorporated, and that may be hereafter incorporated in accordance with the provisions of this act, 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 entitled to all the privileges and exemptions at present enjoyed by the officers and men of the first light division of Maryland volunteers; provided, that nothing in this act shall exempt said honorary members from performing flag duty.

Authorised to receive honorary members.

Proviso.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Charles F. Mayer, Dan Green, Benjamin E. Green and James H. Hamilton, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby declared to be bodies corporate by the name and style each may have agreeably to their constitutions, and by their respective names thus known, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all and every courts of justice in this State, or before any judge or justice, and may ordain, establish and enforce such bye-laws and regulations as to them shall seem conducive to the interest of said companies, and necessary to the good government and management thereof, the same not being contrary to the existing laws of this State or of the United States.