

CHAP. 213.

CHAPTER 213.

Passed Mar. 1. 1850. *An act entitled, an act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore County.*

Incorporated, &c. **SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Peter W. Gibbins, Thomas J. Welsh, James L. Ridgley, Lemuel Offutt, Robert M. Denison, Frederick Harrison, Edward Worthington, John T. Ford, Jonathan Tracy, William Curtis, William H. Hoffman, Jacob M. Hampshire, Pleasant Hunter, William Rowe, Thomas H. Matthew, Edward Rider, George M. Hiss, Charles A. Buchanan, John B. Pearce, Joseph D. Dance, Walter T. Alleuder, Thomas Gorsuch, Carvil Stansbury, and Thomas S. Jones, and their successors, and all other persons who may hereafter become members of the corporation to be created by this act, are hereby created and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name, style, and title of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in Baltimore county, and by the same name shall have succession, and be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and defend, and be answered and defended, in all courts of law and equity in this State, or elsewhere, to have, make and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure, and shall have full power and authority to make insurances on any kind of property against loss and damage by fire, to provide for the keeping and investment of any funds or assets that may become the property of the company, and generally to transact, execute and perform all such business as may appertain to a fire company, not being contrary to this act, of the constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States; *provided however,* that nothing in this act shall be construed to grant banking privileges on the said company, or the right to issue any note of the nature of a bank note.

Proviso.

Duty of secretary

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the said company to keep a book containing a copy of this act, and of such constitution and bye-laws of the said company as may be established, and that all persons who may wish to become members of the said company as may be established, and that all persons who may wish to become members of the said company, shall be required to express in writing at the foot thereof, their assent thereto, which expression of assent, and the payment of such