

CHAP. 301.

CHAPTER 301.

Passed Mar. 4, 1850. *An act for the Incorporation of West River Division, number fifty-six, of the Sons of Temperance.*

Incorporated, &c. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Gassaway Winterson, Benjamin O. Hara, and others, officers and members of West River Division, number fifty-six, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, of the State of Maryland, and their successors, be and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic and corporate, by the name and number of West River Division, number fifty-six, of the Sons of Temperance, of the State of Maryland, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and have a common seal, and the same, at their pleasure, to alter, and be entitled to use all the powers and privileges incident to such corporation.

May hold property. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding real and personal estate, not exceeding in value the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, which shall never be divided among the members of the corporation, but shall descend to their successors, for the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed, the education of the orphans of its members, and for the promotion of those purposes, and the cause of temperance generally.

May establish bye-laws. Proviso. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this corporation shall have power to make bye-laws, and the same to alter and amend at their pleasure; *provided,* they do not conflict with the laws of the State of Maryland, the laws of the United States, or the laws of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of the State of Maryland.

In force. SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That this act of incorporation shall inure for forty years from its passage, and that the Legislature reserves to itself the right to alter and amend this act of incorporation at pleasure.

Banking forbid. SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act be so construed as to authorise the said corporation to issue any note, token, device, scrip, or other evidence of debt, to be used as a currency.