

CHAP. 431. Wiesmiller, George Puhl, Gottlieb Vetter, George Pepler, L. Waitner, George Stumpf, A. Frisch, J. Andrew Hacher, F. Heinz, Henry Vey, and John C. Erhold, the officers and members of the Metamora Tribe, number one, of the Independent Order of Red Men, of the State of Maryland, and their successors, be and they are hereby declared to be a community, corporation and body politic, by name, style and title of the Metamora Tribe, number one, of the Independent Order of Red Men, of the State of Maryland, and by that name, they and their successors, shall and may be capable in law to have, receive and retain to them, and their successors, property, real and personal, and also devises and bequests of any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same, at their pleasure, to transfer or dispose of in such manner as they shall think proper; *provided always*, that the said corporation or body corporate, shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in value the sum of fifteen thousand dollars.

Proviso

Objects of corporation

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend be and defended, in all or any courts of law and equity, and before all or any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever.

Common seal

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*. That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change, alter or make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as by law are incident or necessary to corporations, and what may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted, and to enable the members of said order to exercise all things concerning the design of this corporation, for the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed, and for the promotion of their purposes generally.

Subject to inspection

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful, at any time, for the General Assembly to demand a statement of the amount of the property, real and personal, belonging to said corporation, and if the debts due to and from said corporation, and the purposes for which disbursements shall have been made, and shall also have the right to authorise one or more persons to inspect such general accounts, in the books of the corporation, as shall relate to such statements.