

## CHAP. 516.

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Passed  
Mar. 1, 1850

*An act incorporating the Bethel Cemetery.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, John L. Clayton, Noble Biddle, Samuel Thompson, Davidson D. Pearce, John Biggs and George Harbert, have lately agreed to purchase from one Samuel Thompson and wife, a lot of ground, at or near the Pivot Bridge, over the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, in Cecil county, in the State of Maryland, bounded on the west by the public road, from Back creek mills to Elkton, on the south and east by lands of the said Samuel Thompson, and on the north by the burial ground of Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, which they design for a cemetery.

Incorporated,  
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SECTION 1. *Therefore, be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said John L. Clayton, Noble Biddle, Samuel Thompson, Davidson D. Pearce, Jno. R. Price, Jno. Biggs and Geo. Harbert, and all others, who now are or hereafter may become owners or possessors of burial lots in the cemetery aforesaid, be and they are hereby ordained and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Bethel Cemetery, and by that name and style, they and their successors and assigns, shall and may have continued succession, and be capable to sue in any court or courts of law and equity, to purchase, take, hold and enjoy, in fee, the aforesaid lot or parcel of land, not exceeding four acres, goods, chattels and effects of every nature and kind, which may be necessary to carry out the purposes for which this incorporation is granted, and to sell and convey burial lots therein, subject to the provisions of this charter and to such control over the same by this corporation as is herein reserved, and the said corporation may have a common seal, ordain bye-laws for its own government, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this State, and shall enjoy all the franchises incident to a corporation, but no banking powers, nor shall the corporation have power to alien the lands aforesaid, or any part thereof, nor to charge or incumber the same, or any part thereof, by judgments, mortgages or otherwise, except as heretofore mentioned.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the business and management of the corporation shall be done and conducted by five directors, who shall be lot holders in said cemetery, and shall be elected at