

## CHAPTER 36.

AN ACT to incorporate St. Mary's Institute near Bryantown, in Charles county.

Passed  
Mar. 1, 1854.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Mary Martin, Winefred Martin, Ellen Downey, and Annie Downey, and their successors, be and they are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of St. Mary's Institute, and by that name to have succession, and be capable at law and in equity, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded in any court or courts; and before any judge or justice, or justices in this State, and it shall and may be lawful for said corporation to make, have and use a common seal and the same to change and alter at pleasure. Incorporated.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation, by the name and style aforesaid, shall be capable in law, to purchase, take and hold, any real or personal estate, and to sell, lease or dispose of the same, either absolutely or upon condition; *Provided,* that the said association shall not at any one time hold and possess more than fifty acres of land, and that the nett annual value of said real or personal estate, exclusive of the buildings, appropriated for the use of the students and professors of said institute shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars. Power to purchase property.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the members of said corporation may assemble as soon as convenient, after the passage of this act, and make, ordain and pass such ordinances and by-laws not contrary to the constitution and laws of this State, for the good government of said corporation, and may at the same time elect, from their own number, a president, vice president and such other officers, as they may deem requisite for the administration of the government of said institute, and they shall assemble annually thereafter at such time and place as the ordinances and by laws of said corporation shall direct, to elect a president, vice president and other officers as aforesaid, and may from time to time appoint such teachers and professors as they may deem necessary; and that it shall be lawful for said corporation to admit such persons as members thereof as they may deem fit, and in such manner as the ordinances and by-laws of said association may prescribe. Proviso.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That said corporation shall have and is hereby invested with full power to confer honors. May pass by-laws.