

rate seal, and all deeds by them for the conveyance of any lands and tenements of the said corporation which by the laws of the land ought to be acknowledged and recorded, shall be signed and sealed as aforesaid, and shall also be acknowledged in due forms by the trustees as such in behalf of the corporation, and all acts and deeds of the said body shall be valid and effectual in law.

Authority to hold property.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation shall, and they are hereby authorised hereafter to hold by gift, devise, bequest or purchase, any real, personal or mixed property; *Provided,* it does not exceed in value eleven thousand dollars.

Banking for bid.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act be construed so as to authorise the said corporation to issue any note, token, devise, scrip or other evidence of debt to be used as a currency.

CHAPTER 308.

Passed Mar. 10, 1854.

AN ACT appropriating a sum of money to pay James Higgins, State Agricultural Chemist, for thirteen thousand five hundred copies of his fourth report to the Legislature.

Authority to pay.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Treasurer is hereby authorised and directed to pay upon the warrant of the Comptroller, to James Higgins, State Agricultural Chemist, the sum of eleven hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-five cents, for thirteen thousand five hundred copies of his fourth report to the legislature.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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