

Edward W. Wyatt, Benj. M. Hodges, Jr., Edward W. Blanchard, and George S. Norris, have heretofore associated themselves, by virtue of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and forty-six, chapter three hundred and twenty-three, entitled an act to authorise incorporations in certain cases, for the purpose of constituting themselves a body politic by the name of "the Boys' School of St. Paul's Parish," having for its object the education and moral improvement of poor and helpless boys; and whereas, doubts have arisen as to the proper execution of the articles of association by which they were incorporated, by reason of two of the parties above-mentioned not having signed the said articles, and also whether the said corporation may receive and hold property beyond the amount mentioned in the said act of assembly; and whereas, the full success of the undertaking requires that it should be authorised to receive and hold a larger amount of property than is in said act of assembly mentioned; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the articles of association of the Boys' School of St. Paul's Parish, in the city of Baltimore, notwithstanding any defect or defects in the execution thereof, be hereby declared valid to all intents and purposes, so as to constitute said body a duly incorporated association under the laws of this State, by its corporate name aforesaid, and that said corporation be hereby declared capable of receiving, recovering, holding, and enjoying all property, real, personal, or mixed, which may have been heretofore given, devised, or bequeathed to it, or which it may hereafter acquire by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, *Provided,* that the amount of property so acquired and held shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Declared duly incorporated.

Proviso.