

CHAPTER 310.

AN ACT to incorporate the directors of the Book Concern and Periodical of the Methodist Protestant Church. Passed Mar. 10, 1856.

WHEREAS, an act was passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, at its December session of eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, chapter one hundred and fifty-one, entitled, an act to incorporate the directors of the Book Concern of the Methodist Protestant Church, by which sundry persons therein named were appointed to conduct the book establishment in the city of Baltimore, with the view of furnishing books and publications of a religious and literary character; and by which act the corporation thereby created, was subjected to such rules and regulations as the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church might adopt; and whereas the General Conference of said church in the month of May in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, provided for the division of the assets of the said book concern, between certain conferences that desired to publish a Western religious periodical, and those who desired to continue their support of the Methodist Protestant and Book Concern; and whereas, the said General Conference recommended that application be made to the General Assembly of Maryland for an amendment to the said charter, or the grant of a new one; and the following named annual conferences of said church, to wit: those for the Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, West Tennessee, Missouri, Western Virginia, Arkansas, and New Jersey, Districts, adhering to the establishment in the city of Baltimore, and being desirous of procuring a charter in accordance with its change of relations and the plan adopted by the General Conference; Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Wesley Starr, John W. Richardson, John Coates, Robert B. Varden, William Dulaney, Ebenezer Strahan, and the Rev. Jesse Shreeve, and the Rev. T. D. Valiant, the two last named ex-officio, as the ministers in charge for the time being of the East Baltimore and West Baltimore