

Manduville Miller, John H. Fechtig, John M. Kreps, George Lorsh baugh, James Zwisler, Jr. John V. Swearingen, Levin C. Willis, Daniel H. Middlekauff, and such other persons as now are or hereafter may become members of the said company, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic forever hereafter, by the name and style of The First Hager's-Town Hose Company; the object of which company is hereby declared to be, the protection of the property of the citizens of Hager's-Town from destruction by fire; for which purpose they are hereby made able and capable in law to have, purchase, receive possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments, and the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the company; *Provided nevertheless*, That the said corporation or body politic shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars per annum.

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Proviso.

Powers.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said company and their successors by the aforesaid name, shall forever hereafter be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended in all or any court of justice whatsoever, and also to have, make and use, a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure, and also to assemble and meet, at such times and places as they may agree upon, and to ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as to them shall seem conducive to the interest of the said company, and necessary to the good government and orderly management thereof, the same not being contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States; and generally to do and execute all such acts, matters and things as to them shall or may appertain to do.

CHAPTER 43.

*An Act to divorce Captain Theophilus Russell and Ann his wife, of Kent County.*

Passed Jan. 13, 1823.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Theophilus Russell, be, and he is hereby divorced from bed, board, and mutual cohabitation, with his wife, Ann Russell.

Divorce.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Ann Russell, shall not by virtue of her marriage with the said Captain Theophilus Russell, be authorised, to have or claim, any right or interest in the estate, real personal or mixed, of the said Theophilus to be by him acquired after the passage of this act.

Claim.

CHAPTER 44.

*An act for the relief of John Tessier of the City of Baltimore.*

Passed Jan. 13, 1823.  
Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this general assembly by the petition of John Tessier, of the city of Baltimore, that many years ago a certain Francis Charles Nagot, a certain Peter Bernard Clery, a certain John Baptist Cathelin, and the said John Tessier, all of them natives of France, emigrated to this country and settled in the city of Baltimore, where they respectively took the oaths of allegiance to the United States and the state, in conformity with the existing usage of naturalizing foreigners; that the said Nagot, Clery and Cathelin, respectively became the purchasers of real estates which they held as citizens of this republic, and that the said John Tessier afterwards purchased of the said Nagot, Clery and Cathelin, divers parcels