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members of the said corporation herein erected, or may be admitted into the said corporation, agreeably to the constitution, rules and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic forever, by the name, style and title, of the Jefferson Association of Baltimore; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members, as is hereinafter provided.

Officers.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the affairs of the said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and seven stewards, to be chosen annually on the second Thursday in November in each and every succeeding year, in such manner as the said society shall think proper to appoint.

Powers.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the present members of the said society and their successors, by their corporate name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may at all times hereafter, be persons able and capable in law to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee, or less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattles, United States stock, bank stock, registered debt, or other public securities within this state, and the same at pleasure to alien, sell, transfer, or lease in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of the said society; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation or body politic shall not at any one time, hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Annual meetings—elections, &c.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said corporation, and their successors, may meet together on the second Thursday in November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty three, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, or in the precincts thereof, and on the same day annually forever thereafter, and then and there elect the officers of the said society, form such rules and regulations, and enact such by-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *Provided*, such rules, regulations and by-laws be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, of the state of Maryland, or of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

Present officers.

5. *And be it enacted*, That all appointment of officers for the said society, heretofore made by the members thereof in their private capacities, shall respectively continue, and be in full force until the time specified by this act for the first election of officers for the said corporation.

Capable in law.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors by the name aforesaid, shall be forever hereafter able and capable in law, to sue, and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers, or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters, and demands whatsoever, and that all legal process that may be hereafter instituted by the said corporation, shall be in the name of the president and stewards of the Jefferson association of Baltimore, and that all process that may be hereafter instituted against the said society, shall be served on the president on behalf of the same.

Privileges granted.

7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation and their successors forever hereafter, to have a common seal for their use, and the same at the will and pleasure of them and their successors, to change, alter, break, and make anew, from time to time as they shall think best, & shall in general have & exercise