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corporation, shall be in the name of the president and stewards of the Fell's Point Washington Beneficial Society, and that all process that may be hereafter instituted against the said society, shall be served on the president on behalf of the same.

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, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind, and which may be necessary to the corporation herein and hereby constituted and erected, to enable them duly and fully in the law, to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent of their said corporation, for the benevolent succour, relief and good order of its members, and the widows and orphans of deceased members of the said society, agreeably to the constitution and such rules and by-laws as may be established by the said society.

8. *And be it enacted*, That if at any time it may be deemed necessary to dissolve this association, a proposition to that effect shall be laid on the table in writing, at a stated meeting of the society, and may be discussed at their next stated or special meeting, but shall not be finally decided on until it has been one full month before the society, and shall not take effect, unless three fourths of the members residing within the city and precincts of Baltimore are in favor thereof; *provided* each member of this corporation shall be individually liable for the debts to be contracted, or that shall be contracted by the directors thereof by virtue of their corporate powers.

CHAPTER 82.

An act for the preservation of the breed of fish in Antietam Creek. WHEREAS, sundry inhabitants of Washington county, by their petition to the general assembly, have set forth, that it is their intention to introduce the fish of other streams to that of the Antietam creek, provided a sufficient protection can be given to those introduced, as well as the native fish of said stream, and praying the aid and interference of the legislature in their behalf; Therefore,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any free person shall whip or beat the water in the Antietam creek, or its tributary streams, Beaver creek, Long Meadow Branch, and Little Antietam, as far up those tributary streams as the first mill dams, from the Antietam, with poles, sticks or other things for the purpose of driving the fish into nets, seines, fish baskets, or other snare, or shall erect any fish pot, or suffer those already erected, to remain two months after the passage of this act, or shall fish with any net, basket, gig, trot lines, or in any other manner, except with the angling rod, during the term of three years, to commence from the first day of March next, and from the first day of March to the fifteenth day of June in each and every year thereafter, such person so offending shall forfeit and pay for each offence, and for every month a fish pot is suffered to remain, the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered by action of debt in the name of the levy court of Washington county, before a justice of the peace, one half to the informer, the other half to the school fund of Washington county.

2. *And be it enacted*, That if any slave shall whip and beat the water in said Antietam creek, or its tributary streams, as far up