

3. *Be it enacted*, That any sale made by virtue of this act, shall be notified to and confirmed by the orphans court of Caroline county, before the conveyance of the property shall be made, and the said Robert Cook shall give a bond to the state of Maryland, with such security as shall be approved by the orphans court aforesaid, for the payment of the consideration money for the said land to his daughter the said Mary Cook, upon the death of the said Robert Cook, or in case of her death to her heirs at law, which bond shall be lodged in the orphans court of Caroline county for the benefit of the said Mary Cook.

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Sale to be confirmed by orphans court.

## CHAPTER 95.

An act to Incorporate the Sisters of Charity of Saint-Joseph's, in Frederick County. Passed Jan. 17

WHEREAS, Elizabeth A. Seton, Elizabeth Boyle, Cecilia O. Conway, Jane Smith, Rosetta White, Margaret George, Bridget Farrell, Mary Ann Butler, Frances Jourdan, Susanna Closey, Teresa Conway, Jane Francis Gartland, Eleanor Angela Brady, Ann Gruber, Adele Salva, Elizabeth Magdalene Guerin, Sarah Thompson, Camilla Corish, Margaret Felicity Brady, Scholastica Beams, Julia Shirk, and Louisa Roger, by their humble petition to this general assembly, have represented, that being unmarried women, and above the age of twenty-one years, they have formed themselves into a religious association, by the name of The Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's, and under the superintendance of certain clergymen of their religious persuasion, for works of piety, charity and usefulness, and especially for the care of the sick, the succour of aged, infirm, and necessitous persons, and the education of young females; which association, from its nature and objects, as well as its positive regulations, must always be composed of unmarried women; that for the purposes of their institution, and as a place of residence for themselves and their successors, a farm near Emmittsburg, in Frederick county, in this state, has been bestowed on them by a pious and charitable person, from the cultivation and rents of which they derive a part of their support, and on which their own industry, and some charitable donations, have enabled them to erect suitable buildings for their residence, and for the uses of their school; that as the individuals who compose their association change by deaths and new admissions, they cannot hold this property in their own names, because of the very great embarrassments to which those changes must give rise; for which reason it has been vested in, and is now held by, two of their friends, for the benefit of their institution; that the untimely death of these individuals, without making the necessary dispositions on the subject, and the difficulty of finding a succession of suitable depositories for such a trust, must expose the petitioners to great embarrassment, and even to the loss of the property; while the danger and fear of similar embarrassments and inconveniencies may, and probably do prevent, other charitable persons, favourably disposed towards the objects of their institution, from making to them such donations within proper limits, as to value and amount, as would enable them to become more extensively useful; for which inconveniencies they are advised,

Preamble.