

8. *And be it enacted*, That no member of the said society shall in his individual capacity be answerable for any losses, deficiencies or failures of the joint fund of the said society. for any larger sum or sums of money whatsoever than to the current amount by him payable in the common fund of the society.

CHAP. 34.
No member to be answerable in his individual capacity

9. *And be it enacted*, That if at any time it may be deemed necessary to dissolve this society, 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 the next stated or special meeting, but shall not finally be decided on until it has been two full months before the society, and shall not take effect unless three fourths of the members residing within the city of Baltimore are in favour thereof.

Dissolution of society

10. *And be it enacted*, This act shall be and remain in force until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and until the end of the next session of the general assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Duration

CHAP. XXXV.

An Act to incorporate the Baltimore Friendly Society.

Passed Jan 4, 1820
Preamble

WHEREAS Daniel E. Reese, William Kesley, James Chalmers, David Reese, William R. Glasgow, and others, have formed themselves into a society for the laudable purpose of affording relief to each other, and their respective families, in the event of sickness, distress and death, and have prayed an act of incorporation, that they may the better execute their intentions; and the legislature being desirous of promoting such useful institutions; therefore,

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Daniel E. Reese, William Kesley, James Chalmers, David Reese, William R. Glasgow and others, that now are or may hereafter become 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, for ever, by the name, style and title, of The Baltimore Friendly Society; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members as is hereinafter provided.

Members incorporated

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

Affairs, how to be managed

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 be, at all times hereafter, 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, chattels, United States stock, bank stock, registered debt, or other public securities within this state, by gift, purchase or devise, of or from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same at their 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

Made able to purchase and hold lands, &c

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