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chattels and effects, of what nature, kind or quality soever, and the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, and by the name aforesaid to do and execute all other things touching the same; provided, that the clear yearly value of the real estate of said corporation, exclusive of any house which they may hereafter possess for the keeping of the books, maps and other effects of the company, exceed not the sum of one thousand dollars.

Company
may sue, &c.

III. *And be it enacted*, That the said company, and their successors, by the aforesaid name, shall be for ever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in any courts of record, or any other place whatsoever, and also to make, have 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 publicly notify, and by a majority of the voices of those attending to ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as to them shall seem necessary and convenient for the government of the company, 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.

Officers to
continue, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted*, That until there shall be, under this act, an election of officers necessary to the ends of the institution, those now acting, or who may be hereafter appointed to act under any existing regulations of the company, shall continue so to do, according to the provisions heretofore made, and such regulations shall, till lawfully altered, be deemed as valid and obligatory as if made since the passage of this act.

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Passed Janua-
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Preamble:

An ACT for the benefit of Phebe Martin and Priscilla Martin.

WHEREAS Phebe Martin and Priscilla Martin, of Allegany county, have by their petition set forth, that John Martin, the husband of said Phebe Martin, and father of said Priscilla Martin, being a British subject, removed to this state in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and resided in Allegany county until his death, which happened in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-five; that during his residence in said county he affected by warrant several small tracts of land, to wit: One tract called Racoon Bottom, containing about twenty-six and three quarter acres, and the Resurvey on Racoon Bottom, containing forty-two acres, also, Pleasant Hill, containing about thirty-five acres, another called Martin's Prospect, containing about seven and three quarter acres, and one other called Martin's Luck, containing about six acres, and compounded on the same, but died before he obtained patents for the same; that the said John Martin died intestate, leaving the petitioner, Phebe Martin, his widow, and the petitioner, Priscilla Martin, an infant child by the said Phebe Martin, born in this state, and that it does not appear that the said John Martin has been naturalized, and praying the general assembly would pass a law empowering the chancellor of the state of Maryland to direct a patent to issue for the lands so affected by warrant, in the same manner he might or could do provided the said John Martin had, at the time of his death, been a citizen of this state;

A patent to
issue, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the chancellor of this state be authorized and empowered to direct a patent to issue to and in the name of the said Priscilla Martin, of and for the lands above mentioned, in the same manner he might or could have done agreeably to the laws of this state in case the said John Martin had been, at the time of his death, a citizen of this state; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any manner to affect any right or claim to the said property acquired by any person or persons before the passage of this act.