

C H A P. XIV. **Market-days, &c.** **V. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That as soon as the said market-house shall be erected and completed, two days in every week, to wit, Tuesdays and Fridays, shall be deemed and considered market-days, until ten o'clock in the morning of each day, any laws or regulations to the contrary notwithstanding.

How vacancies are to be filled. **VI. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That on the death, removal from Frederick county, or resignation, of any of the said trustees; the major part of the remaining trustees shall appoint another to serve instead of such trustee so dying, removing or resigning.

Clerk to keep a fair account. **VII. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the clerk appointed as aforesaid shall keep a fair account of all monies by him received in virtue of this act, and shall pay over the same to the trustees aforesaid; and the said trustees shall allow the clerk a sum not exceeding ten pounds current money, and the residue of the money to be applied towards the repairs and improvement of the said market-house.

No person to slaughter, &c. **VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That no person shall slaughter any cattle in or near the said market-house, nor put any horse or other cattle in or under the same, under the penalty of ten shillings current money for every offence.

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Passed 24th of Dec. 1795. **An ACT to incorporate the Roman catholic congregation in Baltimore-town. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 283.**

Preamble. **W**HEREAS the right reverend John Carroll, Roman catholic bishop of Baltimore, the reverend Francis Beeston, Robert Walsh, James Barry, David Williamson, Charles Ghequiere, Charles O'Brien, Luke Tiernan and George Rosensteel, have, by their petition to the legislature, prayed that certain persons be appointed trustees of the Roman catholic congregation of Baltimore-town, and to be incorporated as a body politic, with power to purchase, possess, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, any property, real, personal or mixed, which, by the constitution and laws of this state, may be acquired and held by religious societies; and it appearing reasonable that the prayer of said petition be granted,

A body politic created, &c. **II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland;** That the right reverend John Carroll, Roman catholic bishop of Baltimore, the reverend Francis Beeston, and Robert Walsh, James Barry, David Williamson, Charles Ghequiere, Charles O'Brien, Luke Tiernan and George Rosensteel, lay members of said church, from and immediately after the passing of this act, shall be and they are hereby created and erected into a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title, of The Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church in the town of Baltimore, and that they, the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, and their successors, to be elected as herein after mentioned, shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able and capable in law to purchase, take, have, hold, receive and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee-simple, or for any lesser estates, any property, real, personal or mixed, which, by the constitution and laws of this state, may be acquired and held by religious societies; and also, that the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, in as full and effectual manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, may sue or be sued, plead or be impleaded; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said trustees, by the name aforesaid, to cause to be made and use one common seal to authenticate all acts and instruments of writing respecting their business, and the same at pleasure to alter and renew.

Of whom to consist. **III. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the said body corporate shall always hereafter consist of the Roman catholic bishop of Baltimore, and the senior pastor of the Roman catholic congregation of said town, (appointed according to the usage and discipline of that church,) for the time being, and of seven lay members thereof, to be annually elected in the manner herein after mentioned.

Lay members to meet, &c. **IV. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That all lay male members of the society of Roman Catholics, being at least twenty-one years of age, and holding a pew in the Roman catholic church of said town, or contributing to the support of divine service therein not less than the value of three bushels of wheat every year, nor being in arrear for said contribution more than six months, may and shall meet on the Monday immediately after Whitsunday in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and so in every year thereafter, or within ten days next succeeding the said Monday in each year, at the Roman catholic church, or such other place in said town, at such time as shall be appointed by the said trustees for that purpose, by public notice given during the morning service of the