

body politic, for ever, by the name of The Charitable-Marine Society of Baltimore, and by the same name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may at all times hereafter be 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, bank stock, registered debt, or other public securities within this state, by the gift, bargains, sale or devise, of 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 benevolent and charitable uses of said society; provided nevertheless, that the said corporation or body politic shall not, at any one time, hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of twenty thousand pounds current money.

C H A P. II.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the members of said corporation, and their successors, may meet together on the twenty-sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, at Baltimore-town, and on the same day, annually for ever thereafter, or as soon after as may be, and then and there elect the officers of said society, and form such rules and regulations as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act, provided such rules and regulations be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this or the United States.

Corporation to meet, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all appointments of officers for said society heretofore made by the members thereof in their private capacities, shall respectively continue and be of full force until the time specified by this act for the first election of officers for said body corporate.

Appointments to continue, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be for ever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever, and that it shall and may be lawful for them, and their successors, for ever 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 incorporation, for the benevolent succour and relief of the widows and orphans of members of the said society, agreeable to such rules and by-laws as may be established by said society.

Corporation may sue, &c.

C H A P. III.

An ACT for the relief of Lucy Jennings, widow and devisee of Richard Jennings, late of Frederick county, deceased. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 413. A Private Act.

Passed 30th of Dec. 1796.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT for the relief of Christian Weaver. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 413. A Private Act.

C H A P. V.

An ACT to confirm certain proceedings of the levy court of Cæcil county, and to enable said court to lay further taxes for the support of the poor of said county. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 414.

WHEREAS it is represented by the levy court and trustees of the poor of Cæcil county, that the sums of money heretofore raised in said county for the support of the poor have been insufficient;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of said county be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually on the assessable property of said county, such sum of money as they shall find necessary for the support of the poor thereof, not exceeding five shillings current money on every hundred pounds of property as aforesaid in said county, together with the collector's commission of six per cent. for collecting the same.

Money to be levied, &c.

III. AND,