

C H A P.  
CIV.  
And to con-  
tract, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court of the said county for the time being shall contract with such persons as they may think proper, or authorise any two of said justices to contract, in any manner they may think best, for the building a new court-house, or repairing the old court-house, and for the building a public gaol, in said county, and shall take from the person or persons contracting with such justices sufficient security, in double the sum, for the performance of his or their contract; and in case the said justices should think it best to build a new court-house, they are hereby authorised and empowered to dispose of the old court-house in such manner as they may think best, applying the proceeds of the same to the building the new court-house and gaol in said county.

See 1799, ch. 62.

C H A P. CV.

Passed 20th of  
Jan. 1799.

An ACT to establish and incorporate a medical and chirurgical faculty or society in the state of Maryland. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 224.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to the general assembly of Maryland, that the establishment and incorporation of a medical and chirurgical faculty or society of physicians and surgeons in the said state will be attended with the most beneficial and salutary consequences, by promoting and disseminating medical and chirurgical knowledge throughout the state, and may in future prevent the citizens thereof from risking their lives in the hands of ignorant practitioners or pretenders to the healing art; therefore,

Persons incor-  
porated, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Gustavus Brown, William Lansdale, Barton Tabbs, Elijah Jackson and William H. Roach, of Saint-Mary's county, James M. Anderson, junior, Morgan Browne, junior, Edward Scott, Robert Geddes and Edward Warrell, of Kent county, Charles Alexander Warfield, Richard Hopkins, Wilton Waters, Thomas Noble Stockett and William Murray, of Anne-Arundel county, Thomas Bourne, Thomas Parran, Joseph Ireland, Daniel Rawlings and James Gray, of Calvert county, John Parnham, Gustavus Richard Brown, Daniel Jenifer, John M. Dattiel and Gerard Wood, of Charles county, Thomas Craddock, Thomas Love, John Cromwell, Philip Trapnell and Christopher Todd, of Baltimore county, Perry E. Noel, Stephen Theodore Johnson, Tristram Thomas and Ennalls Martin, of Talbot county, Levin Irvin, Arnold Elzey, Ezekiel Haynie, John Woolford and Matthias Jones, of Somerset county, Edward White, James Sulivane, Dorsey Wyvill, William Hays and Howes Goldsborough, of Dorchester county, Abraham Mitchell, William Miller, Elisha Harrison, John Grome and John King, of Cæcil county, Richard J. Duckett, William Beanes, junior, William Marshall, William Baker and Robert Pottinger, of Prince-George's county, Upton Scott, James Murray, John Thomas Shaaff and Reverdy Ghifelin, of the city of Annapolis, James Davidson, John Wells, Samuel Thompson, Robert Goldsborough and John Thomas, of Queen-Anne's county, John Neille, Thomas Fassett, George Washington Purnell, John Purnell and John Huston, of Worcester county, Philip Thomas, Francis Brown Sappington, William Hilleary, John Tyler and Joseph Sim Smith, of Frederick county, John Archer, Thomas H. Birckhead, Elijah Davis and Thomas Archer, of Harford county, Jesse Downes, John Young, junior, Benjamin Keene, Joseph Price and Henry Helm, of Caroline county, George Brown, John Coulter, Miles Little John, George Buchanan, Lyde Goodwin, Ashton Alexander, Arthur Pue, Daniel Moores and Henry Stevenson, of the city of Baltimore, Richard Pindell, Samuel Young, Peter Waltz, Jacob Schnievley and Zachariah Clagett, of Washington county, Edward Gantt, Charles Worthington, Joseph Hall, Zadok Magruder, junior, James Anderson and Charles A. Beatty, of Montgomery county, Benjamin Murrow, James Forbes and George Lynn, of Allegany county, and such persons as they may from time to time elect, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, for ever, by and under the name and title of The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, and by and under the same name and title they shall be able and capable in law to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee, or for less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, bank stock, registered debts, or other public securities within this state, by the gift, bargain, 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, and apply to such purposes as they may adjudge most conducive to the promoting and disseminating medical and surgical knowledge, or to alleviating the calamities and miseries of their fellow-citizens; provided nevertheless, that the said faculty or body politic shall not, at any one time, hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of ten thousand dollars *per annum*.

III. AND