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other property, not producing an yearly interest, be sold within two years after the same shall be vested in the corporation, and the amount thereof converted into bank stock of the United States bank, or any other bank, or debt of the United States, or any individual state, at the discretion of the said corporation; and provided also, that the corporation shall hold no real estate, except so much as shall be deemed necessary for the asylum hereafter mentioned, for a longer space than two years, the land for said asylum not to exceed ten acres.

Corporation may build an asylum, &c.

III. Be it further enacted, That the said corporation may, as soon as the state of the funds will admit thereof, build, or direct to be built, an asylum, and therein receive, accommodate and educate, a certain number of poor children, under such government, administration and regulations, as they may think proper, reserving nevertheless a proportion of their funds for the relief of the poor as aforesaid.

And cause boxes to be fixed up, &c.

IV. Be it further enacted, That the said corporation may cause to be fixed up, at public places within the said town, boxes for the reception of donations from the charitable citizen.

Clergymen to signify in writing, &c.

V. Be it further enacted, That every clergyman, minister or priest, consenting to act as a member of the said corporation, before his admission as such, and as a requisite to admission, shall signify in writing, signed with his name and seal, his intention to undertake the trusts committed to this corporation, and have the said instrument recorded in the records of Baltimore county court, whereupon and thenceforth he shall be held, taken and considered, a member of this corporation; and the same formality and regulation shall be observed, and is hereby required, in cases of vacancy by death, disqualification, or removal from the said town.

Three vested with powers, &c.

VI. Be it further enacted, That as soon as three clergymen, ministers or priests, resident of Baltimore-town, and belonging to different religious sects, orders or denominations, as aforesaid, shall have signified their intention to undertake the trusts of the said incorporation, and the same be recorded as aforesaid, they are hereby vested with all its said powers, faculties and privileges, and directed and enjoined to inform the public that they are ready to receive donations, agreeably to the intention of the said corporation.

The eldest of each sect entitled, &c.

VII. Be it further enacted, That in case a sect, order or denomination, shall have two or more churches or houses of worship, with two or more officiating clergymen, pastors or priests, the eldest thereof shall be held and considered as the person entitled to be a member of their incorporation, and in case of his refusal, death or resignation, the next eldest; but no sect, order or denomination, shall be allowed or entitled to more than one member in the said corporation.

A majority declared a quorum, &c.

VIII. Be it further enacted, That a majority of the members of the said corporation shall be and are hereby declared a quorum, and may meet together on the first Monday in December, every year, and at such other time or times, and upon such public notice given, as may be fixed and agreed upon, for the purposes of forming such rules and regulations as may be necessary for answering and carrying into effect the charitable purposes of this act.

Shall cause an annual statement, &c.

IX. Be it further enacted, That the said corporation shall cause to be laid before the congregations of the respective clergymen, ministers, pastors or priests, constituting the said corporation, and before the special commissioners of Baltimore-town, an annual statement of the donations received, and the money expended, with the balance carried on from year to year.

And may be sued, &c.

X. Be it further 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 other