

C H A P.
XIV.
Elders incor-
porated, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the present elders of the said church, viz. Adam Showers, Adam Burns, John Ritter and Henry Epaugh, and their successors, to be elected agreeably to the rules and regulations of said church, shall be, and hereby are created and declared to be, a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of The Elders of Zion Church, in Baltimore County, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity in this state or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew, at their pleasure, and also to ordain and establish such by-laws and ordinances as shall appear necessary for regulating the temporal concerns of the said church, and for promoting literature within the same, not being repugnant to this act or the laws of this state.

Property vested
in them, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all the lands and tenements, with their appertinances, now vested in trustees for the use of the said church, and all other property of the said church, shall be and are hereby absolutely and unconditionally vested in the said body corporate, and their successors, for ever; and the said corporation shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, capable of bargaining and selling, leasing and conveying, any part of the said property, or any other property which may hereafter be acquired by the said corporation, in as full and effectual a manner as any person or body corporate may or can do,

Acts, &c. to be
signed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all acts or deeds of the said corporation shall be signed by the elders, in behalf of the corporation, and sealed with their corporate seal; and all deeds by them for the conveyance of any lands and tenements of the corporation, which by the law of the land ought to be acknowledged and recorded, shall be signed and sealed as aforesaid, and shall also be acknowledged in due form by the elders, as such, in behalf of the corporation; and all acts or deeds of the said body corporate, so authenticated, shall be valid and effectual in law.

Corporation
may purchase
property, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation shall be capable of purchasing hereafter real and personal property, not exceeding in value the sum of four thousand dollars.

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Passed 19th of
Dec. 1800.

An ACT to incorporate the presbyterian church in Snow Hill, in Worcester county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS application hath been made to this general assembly for an act of incorporation in behalf of the presbyterian church in Snow Hill, in Worcester county, which may enable them to manage with convenience their temporal concerns,

Persons incor-
porated, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the present committee of the said church, consisting of the following persons, viz. James Martin, John Stevenson, James Nairn, M^r. Nelson, Levi Hudson, Thomas Martin, of Snow Hill, Robert Smith, George Rice, William Stevenson, Joseph Stevenson, Ezekiel Wise and John Rock, and their successors, to be elected as herein after mentioned, with their minister for the time being, shall be, and hereby are created and declared to be, a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of The Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Snow Hill, in Worcester County, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity in this state, or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew, at their pleasure, and also to ordain and establish such by-laws and ordinances as shall appear necessary for regulating the temporal concerns of the said church, and for promoting literature within the same, not being repugnant to this act or the laws of this state.

Successors, how
to be elected,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the successors of the present committee of the said church shall be elected in the manner following, viz. The members of the said church, being twenty-one years of age, holding a pew, or part of a pew therein, and not being in arrears more than six months for the same, may and shall meet at such place as may be appointed by the said corporation, on the first Monday of May in the year eighteen hundred and one, or on any other Monday of the same month, and they may and shall continue to meet in like manner on the first Monday of May every third year, or on any other Monday of the same month, whereof due notice shall be always given by the president of the said corporation for the time being in the forenoon of the Sunday preceding the day of such meeting, at the place where public worship is usually held, and then and there they, or so many as may attend, shall elect, *viva voce*, twelve members of the said church.

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