

ation, and it also appearing that considerable sums of money have already been raised and applied to the benevolent purposes of the institution, by the means of which many of those, the objects of their peculiar care, have already been rescued from ignorance and poverty, and placed in situations with a fair prospect of obtaining for themselves an honest livelihood; and this general assembly being desirous to assist such institutions, by investing their promoters with corporate powers, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the right reverend John Carroll, bishop of the Roman catholic church, the reverend William Otterbein, the reverend I. Daniel Kurtz, the reverend George Roberts, William Wilson, James H. M'Culloch, Jesse Hollingsworth, Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, and Emanuel Kent, and their successors in office, who shall be duly elected in the manner herein after described and directed, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, for ever hereafter, by the name and style of The Trustees of the Female Humane Association Charity School, and by that name they shall be and hereby are made able and capable in law to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors as aforesaid, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions, and other hereditaments, in fee-simple or for a term of years, life, lives or otherwise, and also goods, chattels or effects, of what nature, quality or kind soever, by the gift, bargain, sale or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, or the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the benevolent and charitable use of said society; provided always, that the said corporation or body politic shall not, at any one time, hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in yearly value the sum of three thousand dollars.

Persons incorporated, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when any parents or guardians, or any orphans court, shall have placed any female child or children in the before-mentioned institution, they shall thenceforth be under the control and management of the said institution, until it shall be thought proper by the directors, who shall be appointed as is herein after described and directed to regulate the concerns of said institution, to bind out such female child or children for the term which by law other females shall or may be bound, any law of this state to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, that nothing herein contained be construed to abridge the security afforded to such persons by the law concerning apprentices.

Children to be under their control, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the right reverend John Carroll, bishop of the Roman catholic church, the reverend William Otterbein, the reverend I. Daniel Kurtz, the reverend George Roberts, William Wilson, James H. M'Culloch, Jesse Hollingsworth, Charles Ridgely, of Hampton and Emanuel Kent, and their successors, to be appointed as herein after set forth, shall be and are hereby constituted trustees of the said female humane association charity school; and in case of death, resignation or disqualification, of any of the said trustees, the remaining trustees shall notify to the female humane association such vacancy or vacancies, who are hereby authorized and fully empowered to fill up the same, and shall forthwith hold an election, after due notice given, and choose by ballot a trustee or trustees to fill up all such vacancy or vacancies, and in the same mode shall choose and elect to fill up all vacancies, so that the number of nine trustees shall be kept up and continued for ever; and the members of the female humane association are hereby authorized and empowered to assemble and meet at such times and places as they may agree upon, then and there to choose and elect by ballot, of the members of the female humane association, nine directors, to superintend the regulation and management of the school, and the said nine directors shall, in the same mode be annually appointed, and all vacancies filled, so that the number of nine directors shall be kept up for ever, and by a majority of voices of the attending directors to ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as to them shall seem conducive to the interests of the said institution, and necessary to the good government and orderly management thereof, the same not being contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, and generally to do and execute all such acts, matters and things, and in such manner and form as to them shall seem proper, in order the more effectually to carry into effect the purposes of this act; provided always, that a majority of the directors in being shall always be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business.

Persons constituted trustees, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the aforesaid trustees, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all or any court of justice whatsoever, and also to make, have and use, a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at pleasure.

Trustees may sue, &c.

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