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CHAPTER 143.

An act to incorporate a Charitable Society in the town of Easton.

Passed Jan. 29, 1814.

Society in-
corporated.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas J. Bullett, Tristram Thomas, John Goldsborough, James Earle, Nicholas Valliant, Ennalls Martin, Lambert Reardon, Thomas P. Smith, Samuel Groome, Robert Spencer, John Meredith, George Smith, William Clark, David Nice, William Barlon, James Wainwright, James Wilson, Junr. John M. G. Emory, James Neal, Robert Moore, William Moore, John E. Kerr, Peter Denny, William K. Austin, Joseph Haskins and Thomas P. Bennett, be, and they are hereby incorporated into a society, the chief object of which shall be to raise a constant fund by donation from the charitable, and from annual subscriptions, for the purpose of relieving such of the citizens of the town of Easton as may by sickness, or other unavoidable circumstances, be reduced to indigence and distress, and for other laudable purposes.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the aforementioned persons and others that may hereafter become subscribers and contributors to the said society, and may be admitted into the same agreeably to such rules and bye-laws as the said society and their successors shall hereafter establish and ordain, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic forever, by the name of the "Charitable Society of Easton," 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 debts, public securities in this state by the gift, bargain, sale or devise of any person or persons, bodies politic, or corporation 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 time hold or possess real, personal or mixed property, exceeding in total value, the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

Succession.
Privileges.

Proviso.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the members of said corporation and their successors may meet together on the first Monday of May and November eighteen hundred and fourteen, and semi-annually thereafter, or as soon after as may be, and then and there elect the officers of said society, and form such rules, bye-laws

Election of
Officers. Rules
&c.