

defeat or affect any right, title or claim, to the said property, or any part thereof, acquired or prosecuted by any person or persons whatever before the passage of this act; *And provided also,* that the said John Shick shall, within twelve months after he is capable of becoming a citizen, naturalize himself agreeable to the laws of the United States; but if the said John Shick should die before he becomes naturalized, nothing in this proviso shall prevent him from transmitting or transferring his said property, by descent or devise, to any person or persons, being a citizen or citizens of the United States, and residing therein, capable in law to hold the same. Dec. Ses. 1816

## CHAPTER 16.

## An act to Incorporate the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Maryland.

Passed Dec. 13

Company incorporated.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Daniel Howland, Robert Smith, Charles Gwinn, James Barroll, James Sterrett, Samuel Hollingsworth, Andrew Crawford, John Hathaway, William & P. S. Hartshorne, Robert Darry, Michael M. Blair, James A. Buchanan, Thomas Parker, John Hollins, John Smith Hollins, Robert Purviance, William S. Moore, B. T. Vonkapff, F. W. Brune, Hollingsworth & Worthington, John Gooding, R. H. Douglass, P. Eisenbrey, Joseph Todhunter, Isaac Edmondson, William Wilkins, Joseph Wilkins, William Penniman, Cumberland Dugan, John Quarles, Lydia Husband, Justus Hoppe, Joseph P. Plummer, Christopher Deshon, Martin F. Maher, William Young, Elisha Browne, Jacob Adams, William Baker, Jun. Thomas Sheppard, William Husband, D. Arcy & Didier, J. E. C. Schultze, H. W. Evans, Joseph Townsend, James Corningham, William and Charles Winchester, William Browne, David Warfield, Francis D. M. Henry, Richard H. Jones, Isaac N. Toy, Joseph Cox, Thomas Armstrong, J. B. Bosley, Micajah Alley, John Frick, Thomas B. Baker, Jacob Lindenberger, George M. Dowell, Theophilus Burrill, William Wilson, Jun. William M. Donald & Son, James Ogleby, Nicholas Dubois, William Lyon, Amos Browne, Jesse Hunt, Dallam & Street, William Street, Thomas Ellicott, Jun. George Lindenberger, Samuel R. Turner, Samuel F. Merritt, Thomas Hedrick, Joseph King, Jun. William Cole and Henry Payson, and such other persons as shall hereafter become stockholders in the said corporation, shall be, and are hereby created and declared to be, a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of The Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Maryland, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all courts of law or equity in this state, or elsewhere; and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure; and also to ordain and establish such by-laws ordinances and regulations, as shall appear necessary for regulating the concerns of the said corporation, not being contrary to this act, or the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States.