

Dec. Ses. 1816 July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, or in the precincts thereof, and on the same day annually for ever thereafter, and then and there elect the officers of the said society and enact such by-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; *Provided* such rules, regulations, and by-laws, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, of the state of Maryland, or of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

Proviso.

Appointments heretofore made to be continued.

5. *And be it enacted*, That all appointments of officers for the said society heretofore made by the members thereof in their private capacities, shall respectively continue and be in full force until the time specified by this act for the first election of officers for the said corporation.

Corporation enabled to sue, &c.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be forever 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 persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever, and that all legal process that may be hereafter instituted by the said corporation, shall be in the name of the president and acting committee of the Union Beneficial Society of Baltimore, and that all process that may be hereafter instituted against the said society shall be served on the president or behalf of the same.

— to have a seal, &c.

7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation, and their successors, forever hereafter, to have a common seal for their use, and the same at the will and pleasure of them, and their successors, to change, alter, break and make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities, as are by law incident and necessary to corporations of this kind, and which may be necessary to the corporation herein and hereby constituted and erected, to enable them duly and fully in the law to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent of their said corporation, for the benevolent succour, relief, and good order of its members, and the widows and orphans of deceased members of the said society, agreeably to the constitution and such rules and by-laws as may be established by the said society.

No member to be answerable, individually, for losses, &c.

8. *And be it enacted*, That no member of the said society shall, in his individual capacity, be answerable for any losses, deficiencies or failures of the joint fund of the said society, for any more or larger sum or sums of money whatsoever, than to the current amount by him payable into the common fund of the society.

Proceedings relative to a dissolution.

9. *And be it enacted*, That if at any time it may be deemed necessary to dissolve this society, a proposition to that effect shall be laid on the table, in writing, at a stated meeting of the society, and may be discussed at the next stated or special meeting, but shall not be finally decided on until it has been two full months before the society, and shall not take effect unless three fourths of the members residing within the city and precincts of Baltimore are in favour thereof.