

Dec. Ses. 1816. that a proper and adequate remedy cannot be afforded, without an act of the general assembly, constituting them a body corporate, with perpetual succession, and such powers and privileges for taking, holding, and disposing of property, as may be judged adequate and proper. And whereas the facts set forth in said petition appear to be true, and the prayer thereof is reasonable and proper,

Incorporated.

Sec. 1. *Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Elizabeth A. Seton, Elizabeth Boyle, Cecilia O. Conway, Jane Smith, Rosetta White, Margaret George, Bridget Farrell, Mary Ann Butler, Frances Jourdan, Susanna Chsey, Teresa Conway, Jane Francis Gartland, Eleanor Angela Brady, Ann Gruber, Adele Salva, Elizabeth Magdalene Guerin, Sarah Thompson, Camilla Corish, Margaret Felicity Brady, Scholastica Beams, Julia Shirk, Louisa Roger, and their successors, hereafter to become Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's, according to the rules and regulations of their association for the time being, shall be and hereby are constituted a body corporate, by the name and style of The Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's, with perpetual succession, and power to sue and be sued, and to have and use a common seal, and to take and hold in fee simple, or otherwise, the farm in Frederick county in this state, on which they now dwell, and any other lands and real estate, and any personal or mixed estate or property, and all such lands, and real, personal and mixed estate, to sell, lease, dispose of, and convey, in as full and ample manner as any person or body corporate holding any lands or property, real, personal or mixed, may sell, lease, dispose of, and convey the same; and to collect and receive the rents, profits, proceeds and emoluments, of all property by them so held or possessed, and apply the same to the uses of their said association, according to the rules and regulations established from time to time for the government thereof; *Provided always,* that they shall not at any time hold, use, possess and enjoy, either by legal seizure or trust for their benefit, more than eight hundred acres of land, nor shall their personal estate at any time exceed in value the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Proviso.

#### CHAPTER 96.

Passed Jan. 7.

An act to vest in the Justices of the Levy Court of Talbot County certain Property, and to repeal the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned.

Public ground vested in levy court.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the public ground in the town of Easton, in Talbot county, together with the court-house, and other buildings and improvements thereon, be and the same are hereby vested in the justices of the levy court for the time being, for the accommodation of the court of appeals for the eastern shore, and of the county court of Talbot county, and for such other county or state purposes as to the levy court may seem proper.

Parts of acts repealed.

2. *Be it enacted,* That so much of the act of assembly, entitled, An act for the building of a court-house in Talbot county, for the accommodation of the general court for the eastern shore, and the county of Talbot, and so much of the act of assembly, enti-