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Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, Company in-That S. Smith and Buchanan, Andrew Clopper, Price and Watson, George Warner, George Harryman, Micajah Merryman, and James A. Buchanan and Co. and all such other persons as shall associate with them by becoming stockholders in the manner hereinafter provided, their successors and assigns, shall be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of The Warren Manufacturing Company, and by the same name, style and title, shall have continual succession, and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to make and use a common seal, and the same at their pleasure to alter or renew, and to purchase, hold, enjoy, improve, or dispose of and convey, any lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, and all manner of estates, real, personal or mixed, and generally to do and perform all such acts as may be necessary for carrying on the manufacturing of cotton, and any other manufacture in their discretion; Provided, that the said company shall not at any one time possess more than one thousand acres of land, or hold or possess real and personal estate together above the value of one million of dollars.

2. And be it enacted, That the capital stock of said company Capital shall not exceed the sum of one million of dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; and every person who shall become the owner of one or more shares of the said stock, by purchase, transfer, devise, or in a course of distribution, shall thereupon become a stockholder in the said company; and every person who shall be divested of all his stock in the said company, by sale and transfer, or by operation of law, shall thereupon cease to be a stockholder; and the said shares of stock, as to all legal purposes, shall be deemed and considered as personal estate, and shall be assignable in such manner, and under such restrictions, as the by-laws and ordinances to be made by the pre-

sident and directors, or a majority of them, shall direct.

3. And, whereas the said S. Smith and Buchanan, Andrew Clopper, Price and Watson, George Warner, George Harryman, Micajah Merryman, and James A. Buchanan and Co. are joint owners of sundry tracts of land in Baltimore county, on which the cotton factory aforesaid, and other buildings, are erected, and it is contemplated and intended that the said lands, factory and improvements shall constitute a part of the capital stock of said company, at the estimated value of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; therefore, Be it enacted, that on the execution of a sufficient deed by the Upon conveysaid S. Smith & Buchanan, Andrew Clopper, Price and Watson, ance of lands, George Warner, George Harryman, Micajah Merryman, and certain persons to be entitled James A. Buchanan & Co. agreeably to the laws of this state, to shares. conveying to the Warren Manufacturing Company, the lands. factory, and improvements aforesaid, with the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, in pursuance of this act, they shall thereupon be entitled to, and invested with, shares of stock in the said company to the amount of the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in the following proportions and numbers in severalty, that is to say, the said S. Smith and Bu-