

society, and shall not take effect unless three fourths of the members residing within the city and precincts of Baltimore are in favour thereof.

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10. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall be and remain in force until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and until the end of the next session of the general assembly which shall happen thereafter.

CHAP. XXXVI.

An Act to Incorporate the Mechanical Benevolent Society of Chester Town, Maryland.

Passed Jan 4, 1820

WHEREAS William C. Lassell, Samuel M. Cloak, Samuel Leonard, George Neal, Samuel Mansfield, James Dawson, James Mansfield, Thomas Barritt, Adam Edgar, John Etherington, John Harrison, John Magnor, Jonathan Harris, Richard P. Seymour, James Coleman, Benjamin Greenwood, Thomas Walker, junior, James Claypoole, Isaiah Coleman, David M. Smith, John Robinson, Thomas Murphey, James C. Lassell, Robert Love, William Morrison, Jesse Vickers, William N. Sharkey, James Claypoole, junior, Daniel Collins, Thomas Davis, and Joseph Redue, have formed themselves into a society with the charitable view of affording relief to the distressed widows and orphans of members of the said society, and for other laudable purposes, and have prayed an act of incorporation; and the legislature being desirous of promoting such benevolent and humane undertakings have granted the same; therefore,

Preamble

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That William C. Lassell, Samuel M. Cloak, Samuel Leonard, George Neal, Samuel Mansfield, James Dawson, James Mansfield, Thomas Barritt, Adam Edgar, John Etherington, John Harrison, John Magnor, Jonathan Harris, Richard P. Seymour, James Coleman, Benjamin Greenwood, Thomas Walker, junior, James Claypoole, Isaiah Coleman, David M. Smith, John Robinson, Thomas Murphey, James C. Lassell, Robert Love, William Morrison, Jesse Vickers, William N. Sharkey, James Claypoole, junior, Daniel Collins, Thomas Davis, Joseph Redue, and all others that may hereafter become subscribers and contributors to the said corporation herein erected, and may be admitted into the said corporation agreeably to the rules and by-laws of the same, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, for ever, by the name of The Mechanical Benevolent Society of Chester Town, Maryland, 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 other public securities within this state, by the gift, bargain, sale or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same at their pleasure to sell, transfer or loan, 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 one time hold or possess property real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of twenty thousand dollars current money.

Subscribers incorporated

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