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 Proviso.
 Officers.
- cial Society; *Provided nevertheless,* that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members as is hereinafter provided.
2. *And be it enacted,* That the affairs of the said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and standing committee of five members the whole to be elected annually in such manner as the said society shall think proper to appoint.
- Succession.
 Proviso.
3. *And be it enacted,* That the present members of the said society and their successors by their corporate name, 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, United States stock, bank stock, registered debt, or other public securities within this state by the gift, purchase or devise of or from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate capable to make the same, and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer, or lease in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of the 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 fifty thousand dollars.
- Annual meeting.
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4. *And be it enacted,* That the members of the said corporation and their successors may meet together on the fourth Tuesday in January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, and on the same day annually forever 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 and regulations and by-laws be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States or of the state of Maryland.
- Present officers.
5. *And be it enacted,* That all appointments of officers for the said society, heretofore made by the members thereof, in their private capacity, 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.
- Legal capacity.
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 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 standing committee of the Columbian Beneficial Society, and that all process that may be hereafter instituted against the said society, shall be served on the president on behalf of the same.
- Powers.
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 their 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 corporations herein and hereby erected, to