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John M'Elderry guardian of Jane M'Elderry, and Hugh M'Elderry, guardian of Edward, Henry and Ann M'Elderry, be, and they are hereby respectively authorised and empowered to borrow for a term not less than ten years, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for wharfing out the lots of ground of their respective wards, situated on Union Dock in the city of Baltimore, and to mortgage said lots to any person or persons or bodies corporate that may be disposed to lend such monies, for securing the repayment thereof, at or before the expiration of ten years from the date of such mortgage or mortgages, and the interest thereof in the mean time annually; *Provided*, the sums of money thus to be borrowed shall not exceed fifteen dollars for each front foot of the ground of said minors, on said dock.

Proviso.

Acts confirmed.

2. *And be it enacted*, That any mortgage or mortgages which may be executed by the said John M'Elderry and Hugh M'Elderry pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be, as available in law, as if the said Jane, Edward, Henry and Ann M'Elderry were respectively of the age of twenty one years and executed the same; *Provided however*, that no mortgage shall be given under this act unless on a petition by the said John M'Elderry and Hugh M'Elderry, to the orphans' court of Baltimore county, the said court shall be of opinion that it will be for the interests of the minors concerned, that such mortgage should be given.

Proviso.

Passed Feb. 19, 1823.

CHAPTER 167.

An act to incorporate the trustees for the poor of Baltimore city and county.

Trustees incorporated.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That there shall be annually appointed seven trustees for the poor of Baltimore city and county, four of whom shall be residents in the city of Baltimore and shall be appointed by the mayor and city council of Baltimore in the same manner as officers under the corporation are appointed; and the other three shall be residents in Baltimore county, out of the said city, and shall be appointed by the governor and council, and all vacancies that shall occur shall be filled by appointments to be made in the same manner; and the said seven trustees and their successors to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby incorporated and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of The Trustees for the Poor of Baltimore city and county, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, or before any judge or justice, to purchase, take, receive, possess, hold, use or sell, convey and deliver all kinds of lands, tenements, estates, property and effects, real, personal and mixed, to have and use a common seal, and the same at their pleasure to break, alter or renew, and to exercise all the powers, authorities and privileges granted to or vested in them by this act, or which shall be vested in them by any future act of assembly, as fully to all intents and purposes as any other corporate body may or can lawfully do.

Qualification and proceedings of trustees.

2. *And be it enacted*, That each trustee appointed by virtue of this act, before he proceeds to perform any duties as such, shall, before some judge or justice of the peace take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, that he will duly and faithfully execute the duties and trusts, and exercise the powers committed to and vested in him as trustee for the poor of Baltimore city and county, according to law,