

and twenty-four, bearing the same title as the present act; and whereas, said company had previous to the last mentioned act, imposed sundry fines, and contracted sundry debts which remained uncollected and unpaid at that period, which fines cannot now be collected by said company, in as much as the corporate capacity thereof has ceased to exist: and whereas, there are no funds for the payment of the debts of said company, unless said fines are collected; therefore,

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SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the moderator and other commissioners of Hagers-Town, be, and they are hereby invested with power and authority to sue for and collect in the name of "The Hagers-town Fire Company," for the use of the said moderator and commissioners, all fines which were imposed by said fire company, previous to the passage of the last aforesaid act; and when collected to apply said fines to the discharge of the debts due by said fire company; and if any surplus remain after payment of the said debts, to appropriate the same to the use of the fire companies that have been organized in Hagers-town, by an ordinance passed by said Moderator and commissioners thereof, in pursuance of the said last mentioned act.

Authorised to collect fines—operations thereof.

2. *And be it further enacted,* That after the said fines shall have been collected, or so much thereof as can be: if there should not be a sufficiency to pay the debts due and owing by said company; then the said moderator and commissioners are hereby empowered and authorised to levy and collect from the taxable inhabitants of Hagers-town, such sum of money as may be necessary to enable them to discharge the whole of the debts due by said company; and when so collected, to apply the same in discharge of said debts.

Levy authorised for deficiency.

CHAPTER 52.

An act to incorporate the United Beneficial Society of Baltimore. *Whereas,* Maybury Parks, John S. Reese, Cyrus Davis, Abraham Sliver, Alexander Gaddes, Elias Ford, George C. Addison, David Whitson, Samuel Clayton, John Davis and others, have formed themselves into a society, for the laudable purpose of affording relief to each other and their respective families, in the event of sickness, distress and death; and have prayed an act of incorporation, that they may the better execute their intentions; and the Legislature being desirous of promoting such useful institutions: Therefore,

Passed Jan. 26, 1825. Preamble.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Maybury Parks, John S. Reese, Cyrus Davis, Abraham Sliver, Alexander Gaddes, Elias Ford, George C. Addison, David Whitson, Samuel Clayton, John Davis and others, that now are, or may hereafter become members of the said corporation herein erected; or may be admitted into the said corporation, agreeably to the constitution, rules and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic forever by the name, style and title of the United Beneficial Society of Baltimore; provided, nevertheless, that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members as is herein after provided.

Incorporation.