

**CHAP. 18.** **6. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That so much of the original act to which this is a supplement, as directs the trustees to be elected in the month of October annually, and also so much thereof as directs the election of twenty-one trustees, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

Passed Dec 23

**CHAP. XIX.**

*An Act for the benefit of the Children of Arthur Hughes, late of Dorchester County.* Lib. TH. No. 4, fol. 14. A Private Act.

Passed Dec. 29.

**CHAP. XX.**

*An Act to incorporate the Bible Society of Baltimore.* Lib. TH. No. 4, fol. 16.

Preamble.

**WHEREAS** it is represented to this general assembly, that a number of charitably disposed persons have formed themselves into a society, in the city of Baltimore, for the purpose of furnishing the Holy Scriptures to those of their fellow citizens who, from poverty or other causes, are unprovided therewith: And whereas this general assembly is desirous to aid and encourage an institution so apostolic in its object; therefore,

Society incorporated

**1. BE IT ENACTED,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid persons, and such other persons as they may hereafter admit into their society, agreeably to such rules and by-laws as now are, or as they may from time to time establish, for the beneficial and orderly management of their institution, shall be, and they, and their successors and assigns, are hereby declared to be, one community, corporation, and body politic, for ever hereafter, by the name and style of The Bible Society of Baltimore, and by that name they shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions, and other hereditaments, in fee simple, or for a term of years, life, lives, or otherwise. and also goods, chattels and effects, of what nature, kind or quality soever, and the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, and by the name aforesaid to do and execute all other things touching the same; *Provided,* that the clear yearly value of the real estate of said corporation, exclusive of any house which they may hereafter possess for the keeping of the books and effects of the society, exceed not the sum of three thousand dollars.

Proviso.

Powers and privileges

**2. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the said society, and their successors, by the aforesaid name, shall be for ever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in any court of record, or any place whatsoever, and also to make, have and use, a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure, and also to assemble and meet at such times and places as they may agree upon, and by a majority of the voices of those attending to ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as to them shall seem necessary and convenient, for the government of the society and institution, the same not being contrary to the laws of this state, or of the United States, and generally to do and execute all such acts, matters and things, as to them shall or may appertain to do.