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An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Male Free School of Baltimore. Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 2.

Passed Dec. 20.

Preamble.

WHEREAS institutions for the education of youth in the principles of virtue, knowledge and useful literature, (especially charitable institutions, that paternally lead the children of poverty from their obscure abode, furnishing gratuitously with education, to prepare them for useful stations in society,) are of the first importance: And whereas the methodist episcopal church in the city of Baltimore, early in the year eighteen hundred and two, did establish a charity school, for the education of male children; and it appearing to this general assembly, by the petition of the trustees of the Male Free School of Baltimore, that a number of youths have gratuitously received, and are now receiving, useful learning in this institution, this general assembly, taking into consideration the petition of Owen Dorsey, John Brevitt, Abner Neale, William Hawkins, Thomas E. Bond, Moses Hand, William Browne, George Roberts and Joseph Jamison, praying that they may be incorporated, for the purpose of perpetuating the benevolent design of the promoters of this excellent charity school; therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Owen Dorsey, John Brevitt, Abner Neal, William Hawkins, Thomas E. Bond, Moses Hand, William Browne, George Roberts and Joseph Jamison, and their successors in office, who shall be duly elected in the manner herein after described and directed, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, for ever hereafter, by the name and style of The Trustees of the Male Free School 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 to their successors as aforesaid, 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 or effects, of whatever nature, quality or kind soever, by the gift, bargain, sale or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, or the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the benevolent and charitable use of the said male free school of Baltimore; *Provided* always, that the said trustees shall not possess, at any one time, property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in net yearly value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Persons incorporated.

Proviso.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case of the death, resignation, disability, or ceasing to be a member of the methodist episcopal church, by expulsion or otherwise, of one or more of the trustees, at any time, the remaining trustees shall forthwith meet and proceed to elect, by ballot, a trustee or trustees, who shall be a member or members of the methodist episcopal church in the city of Baltimore, of at least twenty-five years of age, and of three years standing as a member, to fill all such vacancy or vacancies, so that the number of nine trustees shall be kept up and continued for ever; and all cases of disability shall be determined by a majority of two thirds of the whole number of trustees.

Vacancies, how to be filled.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the trustees shall appoint a president, treasurer and secretary, define their duties, and allow them

Trustees to appoint a president, &c.