

county, near to Gray's factory, on which a Masonic Hall is erected, which is held in trust for them, and they have prayed that they may be incorporated for the purpose of being enabled to hold the said property in fee simple, and obtaining the means as a corporation to purchase the same; therefore,

CHAP. 33.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Master and Wardens for the time being of Patmos Lodge, number seventy, of Free and Accepted Masons, in Baltimore county, and their successors, chosen from time to time by the members of said Lodge, in such manner as the rules and regulations thereof does or shall provide, shall be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of The Master and Wardens of Patmos Lodge, number seventy, of Free and Accepted Masons, and shall have continued succession, be capable of purchasing and holding the property herein authorised, and of using or renting the same, and may have and use a common seal, and may alter and renew the same, and shall possess all the powers, rights and privileges incident to a corporation, for the purposes herein mentioned; and the said Master and Wardens may open a subscription for a capital stock not exceeding five thousand dollars, in shares of such amount, on such terms, and in such manner, as they shall deem advisable, and may apply the amount of such subscription, when received, to the purchase of the fee simple right of the property held in trust for the members of said Lodge, and may use the residue of the said capital for the use and benefit of the said Lodge, and the Master and Wardens aforesaid may pass all such by-laws, make and execute all such deeds and other writings, and do all such other acts, as shall be necessary to give full effect to the provisions of this act.

Master and wardens incorporated

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation may have, hold, use and occupy, the property herein before mentioned, or any other property in the state of Maryland, as real or leasehold estate, provided the value thereof shall not exceed five thousand dollars.

May hold property

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed or taken as to prevent the state of Maryland from levying on such institution any assessment or tax similar to any other taxes levied on property within this state.

State may impose tax

## CHAP. XXXIV.

*An Act authorising the Levy Court of Frederick County to levy a sum of money to erect a Bridge over the River Monocacy.*

Passed Feb 10, 1829

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, the

Levy authorised