

**CHAP. 15.** penses incurred by him in the care, education and maintenance of two destitute orphan children, left under his charge; and that said levy court be fully empowered and authorized to make said allowance from the time said children were left with said David Trundle; *provided* the sum allowed and assessed by the levy court, shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars.

Proviso.

### CHAPTER 15.

Passed Jan. 17, 1842. *An act to incorporate the Mercantile Library Association, of the City of Baltimore.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, That a number of young men of the city of Baltimore, have associated themselves for the promotion of literature and science, by the establishment of a literary and reading room, lectures, and by such other methods as shall be deemed expedient or necessary to the furtherance of this design—Therefore,

Incorporated.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That J. Morrison Harris, George L. Wight, George R. W. Allnutt, T. Dunnington, William W. Latimer, John Steel Sumner, Josiah N. Jones, Henry I. Rodgers, Laurence Thomsen, William A. Dunnington, George Cliffe, Oliver B. Wight, and their associates, successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby created a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of the Mercantile Library Association, of Baltimore, and by that name shall have succession, be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered in any court of law or equity, to make and use a common seal, and the same to change, alter, or renew at pleasure, and to ordain and establish such constitution, by-laws and regulations, as may be necessary or convenient for conducting the affairs of the said corporation.

Name and style.

Legal capacity.

To make by-laws.

Corporate powers.

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Banking forbid.

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation shall be, and is hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, and possess, in fee simple or less estate, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and personal property, and the same to grant, demise, alien, or dispose of; *provided,* that the clear annual income of such estate and property, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

**SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the said corporation to issue any note, scrip, token, device, or other evidence of debt, to be used as currency.

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