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times hereafter, be capable in law to have, receive and retain to them and their successors property, real and personal, also devises and bequests of any person or persons, bodies corporate and politic, capable of making the same, and the same, at their pleasure, to transfer and dispose of, in such manner as they may think proper; *provided always*, that the said corporation or body politic shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be forever hereafter capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all or any courts of justice, and before all and any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever.

Corporate powers.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure, to change, alter and make anew, from time to time, as they may think best; and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as by law are incident or necessary to corporations of this character; and to enable the members of said order to exercise all things concerning the design of this corporation, which is hereby declared to be the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to confer banking privileges.

Common seal.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful, at any time, for the General Assembly to demand a statement of the amount of property, real and personal, belonging to the said corporation, and of the debts due to and from the said corporation, and the purposes for which disbursements shall have been made; and shall always have the right to authorise one or more persons to inspect such general accounts in the books of the corporation as shall relate to such statement.

Proviso.

Legislature may demand statement of affairs.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the General Assembly of Maryland, reserves the right to change, alter or annul this act of incorporation at any time.

Right reserved.

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*An act relating to the Citizen's Bank of Baltimore.*

Passed March 4, 1844.

WHEREAS, the Citizen's Bank of Baltimore by its memorial to this general assembly hath expressed its desire

Preamble.