

laudable industry and applied with admirable success the arts and sciences to other pursuits, the most necessary, useful and honorable pursuits of agriculturists have so far been most lamentably neglected; *and whereas*, it is the province and duty of the Legislature to encourage and aid the philanthropic and patriotic citizens in their efforts to disseminate useful knowledge by establishing an Agricultural College, and Model Farm, which shall in addition to the usual course of scholastic learning particularly indoctrinate the youth of Maryland, theoretically and practically in those arts and sciences, which with good manners and morals shall enable them to subdue the earth and elevate the State to the lofty position its advantages in soil, climate, &c., and the moral and mental capacities of its citizens entitles it to attain; Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That James T. Earle, John O. Wharton, Nicholas B. Worthington, Charles B. Calvert, George W. Hughes, Walter W. W. Bowie, Ramsay McHenry, J. Carroll Walsh and A. B. Davis, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners by whom or under whose direction subscriptions may be solicited and obtained to the stock of the Maryland Agricultural College, and they are hereby authorised to take, hold and dispose of as hereinafter provided, for voluntary subscriptions, to the amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars in shares of twenty-five dollars each.

Commissioners appointed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That as soon as at least two thousand shares of stock aforesaid, shall in manner aforesaid, be subscribed for, the subscribers aforesaid, their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby made and declared to be incorporated into a company by the name and style of the "Maryland Agricultural College," and by that name be capable in law of suing and being sued, taking and holding real and personal property, of contracting and being contracted with, instituting, establishing and continuing in successful operation the Maryland Agricultural College and Model Farm, to have and use a corporate seal, and to do and cause to be done all things necessary for the attainment of the object aforesaid.

Incorporated.