

Dec. Ses. 1821. county, immediately after the passage of this act, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, and proceed agreeably to the provisions of an act passed at November session eighteen hundred and twelve, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property in the several counties of this state, to re-value and re-assess the real and personal property within said county.

Commissioners named.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Frederick Wilson, Nicholas Smith, Benjamin Merritt, William Perkins and William B. Wilmer, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners of the tax for said county; and the commissioners are hereby authorised and empowered to carry into full effect and operation all the provisions of this, and the act of eighteen hundred and twelve, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property in the several counties of this state.

Guardians &c. liable for tax.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any executor, administrator, guardian or trustee, shall hereafter fail to inform the commissioners of the tax of the transfer of any property belonging to any deceased person, ward or estate in trust, of which he or she may be executor, administrator, guardian or trustee, the said executor, administrator, guardian or trustee shall be liable for the tax on the same, until the commissions of the tax shall be properly notified of such transfer.

CHAPTER 147.

Passed Feb. 8, 1822. *An act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland.*

Incorporated—rights, privileges, &c.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That William H. Winder, Grand Master, Benjamin C. Howard, Deputy Grand Master, William Steuart, Senior Grand Warden, William P. Farquhar, Junior Grand Warden, John D. Readell, Grand Secretary, Edward G. Woodyear, Grand Treasurer, and the other grand officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted ancient York Masons of Maryland, and their successors, be, and they are hereby declared to be a community, corporation and body politic forever, by the name, style and title of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland; and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may at all times hereafter be capable in law to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, bank and other stocks, pensions and other hereditaments, in fee simple or for terms of years, life, lives or otherwise, and also goods, chattels or effects of what nature, quality or kind soever, by the gift, bargain, sale, devise or bequest, of any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, capable of making the same; and the same at their pleasure to grant, alien, lease, transfer or dispose of in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the benevolent and charitable purposes of the said fraternity; *Provided always,* That the said corporation or body politic shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in annual value the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

Proviso.

May sue, &c.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation and their successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be forever thereafter capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded,

answer and courts of justice whatsoever soever.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation shall at their will and pleasure have time to time to exercise all the powers and privileges incident or necessary to the incorporation of a society duly incorporated under the design of a corporation and relieved equally lawfully.

*A supplement to the laws of Maryland, passed December 1821, hundred and twelve.*

SEC. 1. That it shall be the duty of the county, to keep the peace in and to maintain the union it shall be the original act of the court.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That of the justice of the court as a persons of the county now exceeding the said justice of the peace, patrol, and search the authority of eight hours of colour slaves, or have unlicensed emigrate laws of the state.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said patrol, or justice of the peace, to take a before the court and if unable to be of opinion his master in the state, or be the defendant in jail, to be