

CHAPTER. 198.

*An act for the benefit of Thomas Aitkens, of Cecil county.*

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of the levy court of Cecil county, be, and they are hereby empowered at their levy court annually, so long as they shall deem it necessary, to levy such sum of money as they shall think just and right for the support and maintenance of the said Thomas Aitkens, and that the same be collected annually, as other county charges are, and, when collected, shall be paid over to him, the said Thomas Aitkens, or his order, for the purpose aforesaid.

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Passed Feb 13, 1823.  
Levy.

CHAPTER 199.

*An act to incorporate a company in Baltimore county, by the name of the Avalon Company.*

Passed Feb. 18, 1823.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly, by Jonathan Ellicott, Elias Ellicott, George Ellicott, Benjamin Ellicott, Thomas Ellicott and Charles T. Ellicott, (the infant son of James Ellicott) by his guardian, Thomas Ellicott, and by the executors of Andrew Ellicott and the guardians of his children, that they are the proprietors of certain tracts and parts of tracts of land, as joint and equal owners, situated on and contiguous to the Patapsco Falls; that on the said lands they have extensive water power, capable of being advantageously used for various manufacturing purposes; that they have already erected thereon suitable buildings, and are prosecuting an extensive manufactory of rolled and slit iron, and nails; and that they are desirous of increasing their capital stock, for the purpose of extending their improvements.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Jonathan Ellicott, Elias Ellicott, George Ellicott, Benjamin Ellicott, Thomas Ellicott and Charles T. Ellicott (the infant son of James Ellicott, deceased) and the children of Andrew Ellicott, deceased, their associates, successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby created a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of "the Avalon Company," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and 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, and to make and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter at pleasure, to ordain and establish such by-laws and regulations as shall be necessary or convenient for conducting the affairs of the corporation, and not repugnant to law.

Incorporation

2. *And be it enacted,* That the objects of the said corporation are declared to be the manufacturing of iron, and the carrying on of any other branch of manufacture in their discretion, and the purchasing and vending the raw material of which such manufactures shall be made, and the manufactured goods; and they are hereby authorised to purchase and hold lands in fee simple or otherwise, not exceeding one thousand acres at a time, and to erect thereon all needful or convenient buildings; the capital stock of the said corporation to be in the first instance ninety eight thousand dollars, divided into nine hundred and eighty shares of one hundred dollars each, but in the discretion of said company may be increased to five hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, under such regulations as the by-laws of the said corporation shall direct, and all the shares of stock that shall or may be held or owned by any members of the corporation, shall be deemed to be personal pro-

Object; capital stock.