

sident hereinafter named, are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name, style and title, of The President and Visitors of the Maryland Hospital, and they, and their successors, by the same name, are hereby made, created, erected, constituted, and declared in fact and name, one body politic and corporate for ever, and shall by the same name have perpetual succession, and shall and may by the same name be persons in the law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all courts, and elsewhere, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands whatsoever, as fully and amply as any citizen of this state may or can be sued, implead or be impleaded, defend or be defended, by any lawful ways or means whatsoever.

Dec. Ses. 1816.

2. *And be it enacted*, That all that lot, piece, or parcel of ground, heretofore, on the eighteenth day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, conveyed by Jeremiah Yellott to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, together with all the buildings, improvements, and appurtenances thereon and thereto belonging, be and they are hereby vested in the said president and visitors of the Maryland hospital, and their successors for ever, for and as a common state hospital; and that the said president and visitors of the Maryland hospital shall for ever hereafter be persons capable and able in law to purchase, take, hold, receive and enjoy, to them and their successors, any messuages, tenements, houses, and real estate whatsoever, and all other hereditaments of whatsoever nature, kind and quality they be, in fee-simple, for term of life or lives, or in any other manner howsoever, and also any goods, chattel, and personal estate whatsoever; and that they, and their successors, shall have full power and authority, by the same name, to give, grant, sell, lease, demise, and dispose of, the same real estate and hereditaments whatsoever, for life or lives, or years, or for ever, and also all goods, chattels, and personal estate whatsoever, at their will and pleasure, as they shall judge to be most beneficial and advantageous to the good and charitable ends and purposes of this act; and that it shall and may be lawful for them, and their successors, for ever hereafter, to have a common seal, to serve for the causes and business of them, and their successors, and the same seal to change, alter, break, and make new, from time to time, at their will and pleasure.

Lot vested in president and visitors.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid Henry Payson, James Hindman, John Hillen, William Lorman, James Mosher, William McDonald, David Winchester, George Warner, William Ross, James Wilson, Daniel Howland, and James Carnighan, or a majority of them, shall be and they are hereby authorised, empowered and required, to assemble at any place in the city of Baltimore by them agreed upon, on the first Monday in June next, and elect from their own body, or from the citizens of Maryland at large, by ballot, a person to act as president of the visitors aforesaid, and in the same manner some person to act as vice-president, which said president, vice-president and visitors, shall have the sole absolute controul and government of said hospital, in manner as hereafter is declared and appointed, and shall

President and visitors to be elected.