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Officers.

2. *And be it enacted*, that the affairs of the said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, messenger and five stewards, to be elected annually, on the third Tuesday in March in each and every year, in such manner as the said society shall think proper to appoint.

Succession
and privi-
leges.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the present members of the said society and their successors, by their corporate name, shall and may have perpetual succession; and shall and may be, at all times hereafter, persons able and capable in law, to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee or less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattles, United States stock, bank stock, registered debt, or other public securities within this state; and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the charitable uses of said society, provided nevertheless, that the said corporation shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value, the sum of ten thousand dollars.

General
meeting—
by-laws.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said corporation and their successors may meet together, on the third Tuesday in May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore; and on the same day annually forever thereafter; and then and there elect the officers of the said society, form such rules and regulations; and enact such by-laws as may be necessary for assuring and carrying into effect the benevolent purposes of this act; provided such rules, regulations and by-laws, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, of the state of Maryland, and of the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

Present offi-
cers.

5. *And be it enacted*, that all appointments of officers for the said society, heretofore made by the members thereof in their private capacities, shall respectively continue, and be in full force, until the time specified by this act, for the first election of officers for the said corporation.

Capable in
law.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation and their successors by the name aforesaid, shall be forever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever; and that all legal process that may be hereafter instituted by the said corporation, shall be in the name of the president and stewards of the United Beneficial Society of Baltimore; and that all process that may be hereafter instituted against the said society, shall be served on the president, on behalf of the same.

General pow-
ers.

7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation and their successors forever hereafter, to have a common seal for their use, and the same at the will and pleasure of them and their successors, to change, alter, break and make anew from time to time, as they shall think best; and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind; and which may be necessary to the corporation herein and