

pay on being admitted a member of the said society; to fix the amount of monthly, quarterly, and yearly contributions, which each member of the society shall pay, and the fines which members shall pay for breaches of the laws of the society; to regulate the distribution of the funds of the society among the members of the society, and their families, whom sickness or misfortune may have rendered proper objects of charity within the views and objects of the society; to make rules and regulations for the admission of members, and for the expulsion of members whose misconduct may have rendered them unworthy to remain members of the society, and to make such other regulations, rules and by-laws, as shall be expedient and necessary to accomplish the objects of the society, and are not repugnant to the laws of Maryland; *Provided always,* that no by-law of the said society shall be valid unless adopted by a majority of the members of the said society, and that any one who may feel himself aggrieved by any by-laws of the said society, or is unwilling to submit to any by-law, rule, or regulation of the society, may at any time withdraw from the said society, and cease to be a member, on relinquishing all claim to the beneficial aid of the said society, and to the contributions which he may have paid to the said society.

4. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall be and remain in force until the first day of January eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and until the end of the next session of the general assembly which shall happen thereafter.

CHAP. XXXIV.

An Act to Incorporate the Franklin Beneficial Society.

Passed Jan 4, 1820  
Preamble

WHEREAS Jacob Decms, Thomas H. Denison, William Kesley, Charles Webb, William Hance, James A. Hazelett, and others, have formed themselves into a society for the laudable purpose of affording relief to each other, and their respective families, in the event of sickness, distress and death, and have prayed an act of incorporation, that they may the better execute their intentions; and the legislature being desirous to promote such useful intentions, therefore,

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Jacob Decms, Thomas H. Denison, William Kesley, Charles Webb, William Hance, James A. Hazelett, and others, that now are or may hereafter become members of said corporation herein erected, or may be admitted into the said corporation agreeably to the constitution, rules, and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, for ever, by the name, style and title, of The Franklin Beneficial Society, provided that the said corporation may be dissolved at any time by the consent of its members as is hereafter provided.

Members incorporated

2. *And be it enacted,* That the affairs of the said society shall be managed and conducted by a president, vice-president, treasurer, and acting committee of seven members, to be chosen annually on the second Tuesday in December in each and every year, in such manner as the said society shall think proper to appoint.

Affairs, how to be managed

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 at all times hereafter

Made able to purchase and hold lands, &c