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THE

CHARTER,

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE CORPORATION

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN

OF THE

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OF THE

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CHARTER.

AN ACT

To provide a fund for the relief of the Widows and Children of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Maryland. Passed November session, 1784, ch. 78.

WHEREAS, it hath been represented to this General Assembly by the Reverend William Smith, Doctor in Divinity; the Rev. William West; John Andrews, and Thomas John Clagett, that they are a committee appointed by and in behalf of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, (formerly denominated the Church of England,) to solicit an Act of Incorporation to enable the clergy of the said church to raise and manage a fund for providing small annuities for the distressed widows of the said clergy, and for the education of their children; and this General Assembly are earnestly desirous to promote every pious and charitable design for the relief and assistance of the widows and fatherless, and especially those of the respectable and useful body of clergy of all denominations, who are often obliged through the uncertainty and scantiness of their support in many

places, to leave their families in very necessitous circumstances :—Therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,
That the said Protestant Episcopal Clergy, namely, Wm. Smith, John Gordon, John M'Pherson, Wm. Thomson, Samuel Keene, William West, Walter Magowan, John Andrews, Thomas John Clagett, George Goldie, Edward Gantt, Francis Lauder, Joseph Messinger, John Bowie, Walter Harrison, Thomas Gates, James Wilmore, Hamilton Bell. Francis Walker, John Stewart, Samuel Fingly, Leonard Cutting, Ralph Higginbothom, Mason Weems, and Edward Gantt, Jr., and such other Clergymen in the orders and communion of the said Church, as may hereafter become residents of this State, and shall be contributors to the said funds of the Corporation, herein erected, and as may be admitted into the said Corporation, by a majority of the members thereof for the time being, shall be, and they and their successors are hereby declared to be, one community, corporation and body politic, for ever, by the name of "the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland," and by the same name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession ; and shall and may, at all times hereafter, be persons able and capable in law to purchase, take, have and enjoy, to them and their successors in fee, or for any less estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions, and other hereditaments within this State, by the gift, bargain, sale or devise, of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, capable to make the same ; and such lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions, and other hereditaments, or any less estates, rights

or interests, of or in the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease, in such manner as they may judge most conducive for furthering the pious design of this charitable incorporation, and according to the nature of such estate as they may have in the same; and also that they and their successors, may take and receive any sum or sums of money, and any kind, manner, or portion of goods and chattels, that may or shall be given, sold, or bequeathed unto them, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make a gift, sale or bequest thereof, and to employ the same either in their immediate payment of annuities to the widows aforesaid, and other declared purposes of this incorporation, or in providing a fund, or capital sufficient to produce a yearly interest, revenue, or income, for answering the good purposes of the same: **Provided** that the clear yearly value of the said capital, fund, stock, and other hereditaments and real estate of the said Corporation, do not exceed fifteen thousand Spanish milled dollars of the present current weight; namely, seventeen pennyweight and six grains each dollar, above all taxes and assessments.

3dly. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said Corporation, and their successors, may meet together on the fourth Tuesday in May every year, and at such other time or times, and at such place or places within this State, and upon such public notice given, as may be fixed and agreed upon, for the purposes of forming such rules and regulations, as may be necessary for answering and carrying into effect the pious purposes of this Act: provided such rules and regulations be not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this State.

4thly. *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 unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers, or other persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever; and that it shall and may be lawful for them and their successors, for ever hereafter, to have a common seal for their use, and in their affairs and business; 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 hereby constituted and erected, to enable them duly and fully in the law, to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent of their said incorporation, for the benefit, succour, and relief of the widows of such clergymen in the orders and communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church aforesaid, as may or shall become contributors to the funds of said Corporation, agreeably to such rules and by-laws, as may be established for the management and payment of annuities to the said widows, and for the education of their children, and settling them in some useful business or profession.

LAWS

For the management of the funds and payment of the annuities of the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland.

1. THE contributors to this fund shall be arranged in classes, agreeably to their annual contributions, and each contributor shall abide by that class which he at first entered; except on the following conditions. If he desire to go from a lower to a higher class, he shall pay the difference between his former and his new rate of subscription, for all the years during which he has paid the smaller sum, together with interest thereon computed at the compound rates. If he change from a higher to a lower, he shall be repaid the difference between his two rates of subscription, during the term of his subscribing, without any interest thereupon.

2. Every person entering the Corporation, shall pay one dollar and one half, for every year he has exceeded the age of thirty.

3. The first contribution shall be paid in advance, that is, on the person's becoming a member of the Corporation.

4. Each contributor shall pay his annual contribution to the Corporation, on or before the Thursday in Whitsun-week every year, under the penalty of 12½ per ct. per annum, on his original subscription, for each year's default, and whensoever the penalties shall amount to the whole sum heretofore subscribed by him, this sum shall be forfeited to the Corporation, and he be no longer considered as a contributor, except he shall afterwards com-

ply with such terms, as to the Corporation, may appear equitable and expedient.

5. Should any member chuse to withdraw from the Corporation, he shall receive no compensation for the money which he has contributed; but his widow and children shall be entitled to 10 per cent. upon the money contributed. And any contributor removing from the state, although he can no longer be considered as a member of the Corporation, may remain a contributor, and he, and after his death his wife and children, shall be treated as is directed by the laws of the Corporation. But if it should be inconvenient for him, after his removal to continue his subscription, he shall then be repaid the sum which he shall have advanced, penalties excepted, with legal interest on each contribution, during the time the corporation shall have used the money.

6. Every contributor, who shall marry more than once, shall pay ~~one~~ year's contribution extraordinary, at every such marriage.

7. There shall be four different sums; any one of which subscribers may contribute: viz. 5, 10, 15, and 20 dollars, which shall be called four classes.

8. If a clergyman die before he shall have completed five annual payments, his family shall be entitled to an annuity of three times his annual contribution: if he have paid five and less than ten, they shall receive an annuity of four times his annual contribution: if ten and less than fifteen, they shall be paid an annuity of five times his annual contribution: and if fifteen or upwards, they shall then receive an annuity of six times his annual contribution—and no annuity shall be considered as having become due to the family of any contributor, till one year from his death.

9. Annuities shall be paid widows during life, unless they marry again: in which case their annuities shall cease and fall to their children entirely—if they have any, agreeably to the laws of the corporation: and children, if males, shall enjoy annuities until they be twenty-one years old; if females, until they be twenty-five years old, unless they previously marry, upon which their annuities shall cease.

10. If there be a child and no widow, such child shall be entitled to the whole annuity, during the time that he or she continues to be an annuitant; but if there be more than one child, and no widow, the annuity shall be equally divided among them till they severally marry or exceed the age of annuitants; which annuity shall be laid out in their education or apprenticeship, with the advice of such guardians or executors as the father may have nominated, and if none such shall have been nominated by the father, then in such manner for the benefit of the child or children, as the corporation shall direct.

11. If there be a widow and one child, the annuity shall be equally divided between them; but if the widow marry or die before the child shall have attained, if a male, twenty-one years; or if a female, twenty-five, the whole of the annuity shall belong to such child, during the period to which he or she may be entitled thereto. And if the child should die before the mother; or when the child may come to the age herein prescribed, the whole of the annuity shall go to the mother, she having remained a widow, and shall be enjoyed by her, during the period of her natural life, if she remain a widow; but if she should marry again, nothing shall be paid her, after the period of her marriage. If there be a widow, and two or more children, the widow shall have one-third, during

her widowhood, or natural life, and the remainder shall be equally divided among the children: and if a child should die; or when such child may arrive at the age of twenty-one years, if a male, or twenty-five, if a female, his or her share shall be enjoyed by the remaining children, till the male or males arrive at the age of twenty-one, and the female or females at the age of twenty-five: Provided always, that when death shall have reduced the number of children to one; or the arrival of the children at the ages herein prescribed shall have reduced the children entitled to annuities to the number of one, the annuity shall be equally divided between such child and the widow, during the period of her natural life, or of her remaining a widow: and that if death should remove all the children, or when they may have arrived at the ages herein prescribed, the whole of the annuity go to the widow, if she be still alive, and remaining a widow; and be enjoyed by her during the period of her natural life, or the term of her widowhood. But it shall be always lawful for a member of the corporation to make such disposition by his will, of the rights to which his subscriptions may have entitled his family, as he may see fit.

12. The donations already made, and those that may hereafter be made to the corporation, shall constitute a separate fund, the benefit of which shall be applied to the relief of such families of the members of the corporation as require peculiar assistance; and as it cannot be ascertained, what annuity such a fund may yield, it shall remain with the corporation to apply this money as the necessity of the case shall to them appear to require. But upon the death of a contributor, whose family the treasurer may believe to be in want of the assistance of this fund, it shall be lawful for him to apply to their relief such sum,

as he may think it can afford, according to the time which may elapse before the time appointed for the next meeting of the corporation.

13. The corporation shall have power to alter the annuities agreeably to the rate of interest that can be obtained; but no alteration shall take place from a supposition that there are too few annuitants for the funds.

RULES

For the transaction of the business of the Corporation.

1. At every annual meeting there shall be chosen a President, Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall remain in office till the next annual election. The Bishop, if he be a member of the corporation, shall be President till the next election shall have taken place.

2. On urgent occasions, the president shall notify the secretary to call special meetings of the corporation.

3. The treasurer shall manage the funds, and pay the annuities agreeably to the direction of the corporation, and by the advice of such counsellor or counsellors as he shall be directed to consult. He shall give bond in such sum as the corporation shall judge necessary for the security of their funds.

4. The secretary shall take down minutes of the proceedings of the corporation, and record them in a book to be kept for the purpose. He shall faithfully preserve all papers and accounts committed to his care, and deliver them to his successor.

Copy of a Devise of Real Estate.

I give and devise unto the Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland, forever, Acres

of Land, or Lot of ground, as the case may be. Describing the Land, or Lot, &c.

Copy of a Bequest of Personal Estate.

I give and bequeath unto the Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland, Dollars, (or any other personal property.)

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

To enable the interested, and others who may desire to become interested in this Institution to have a correct view of the funds belonging to it, the Treasurer states, that the Corporation have in

The Bank of United States,.....5 shares, worth \$120 pr. sh.	\$600.00
Bank of Baltimore,.....7.....	340.....2380.00
Bank of Maryland,.....3.....	250.....690.00
Union Bank of Maryland,.....54½.....	75.....4087.00
Commercial and Farmers,.....18.....	25.....450.00
Mechanics Bank,.....71.....	9.....639.00
Farmers and Merchants,.....14.....	54.....756.00
Franklin,.....15.....	25.....375.00
Fire Insurance Company,.....17.....	10.....170.00
Baltimore Insurance Company,.....7.....	250.....1750.00
Union Manufacturing Company, 20.....	15.....300.00
Frederick-Town Turnpike,.....31.....	9.....279.00
Reisters-Town Turnpike,.....55.....	9.....495.00
York-Town Turnpike,.....30.....	7.....210.00
Loan to Baltimore City,.....	333.00
Ground Rents pay pr. ann. \$353 ³³ / ₁₀₀ , estimated to be worth.....	5500.00
Loaned out on Interest, secured on Stocks, &c. &c.,.....	1000.00
Total Value of effects,.....	<u>\$20,014.00</u>

The Receipts from the above funds is now, per annum,....\$1055.00
But will probably soon be \$1200 pr. ann., depending on the Baltimore Insurance Company and Union Manufacturing Company giving dividends.

To the above Revenue must be added the amount of the annual Subscriptions due from the 33 members of the Corporation, which amounts to.....315.00

Gross Revenue Annually,.....\$1370.00

From the above must be deducted this sum due to 12 Annuitants 500.00
Nett Annual sum at the disposal of the Corporation, for the Relief of the Widows and Children of deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Maryland,.....\$870.00

P. HOFFMAN, Treasurer.



