

the damages sustained by them respectively, if any, **CHAP. 231.** according to the valuation made by said commissioners, and from and after said levy, the road that may be located as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken as a public road, and kept in repair at the expense of the county.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners shall take an oath that they will faithfully execute the provisions of this act without partiality or prejudice, and shall give at least ten days notice to the proprietors of the lands over which said road may pass, by advertisements set up in the neighborhood, before they proceed to act. **Oath.**

CHAPTER 231.

AN ACT to provide for the formation of Corporations for Moral, Scientific, Literary, Dramatic, Agricultural or Charitable Purposes, and for the Incorporation of Uniform Volunteer Companies, Fire Engine or Hose Companies, and Benevolent, Beneficial and Musical Associations. **Passed May 13, 1852.**

WHEREAS, By the forty-seventh section of the third **Preamble.** article of the Constitution, it is provided, that corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by special act, except for municipal purposes, and in cases where, in the judgment of the Legislature, the object of the corporation cannot be attained under general laws; Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That when any seven or more free white persons, citizens of the United States, and a majority of them citizens of this State, are associated, or mean to associate for any moral, scientific, literary, dramatic, agricultural or charitable purpose, or for the purpose of forming any uniform volunteer company, fire engine or hose company, or beneficial, benevolent or musical society or association, and shall be desirous to acquire and enjoy the powers and immunities of a corporation, or body politic, in law, it shall and may be lawful for such persons to prepare and execute, under their hands and seals, an instrument of writing, specifying therein the objects, articles, conditions, and name, style or title, under which they have associated, or mean to associate, **Seven or more citizens may form association.**

See 1853 chap 320