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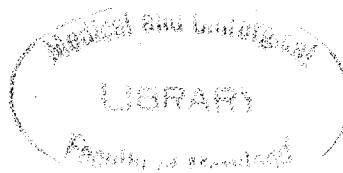
ACT OF INCORPORATION
1799

of the

MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY

of the

STATE OF MARYLAND



November 1944

An act to establish and incorporate a
Medical and Chirurgical Faculty or Society in the State of
Maryland.

Whereas it appears to the General Assembly
of Maryland, That the establishment and incorporation of a
Medical and Chirurgical Faculty or Society of Physicians and
Surgeons in the said State, will be attended with the most
beneficial and salutary consequences, by promoting and
diffusing Medical and Chirurgical knowledge throughout
the State, and may in future prevent the citizens thereof
from risking their lives in the hands of ignorant practitioners
or pretenders to the healing art; (Therefore,

Be it enacted, by the General
Assembly of Maryland, That Gustavus Brown, William
Lansdale, Barton Tabbs, Elijah Jackson and William H.
Roach of Saint Marys County; James M. Anderson Junior,
Morgan Browne Junior, Edward Scott, Robert Geddes,
and Edward Warrell of Kent County; Charles Alexander
Warfield,

Warfield, Richard Hopkins, Wilson Waters, (Thomas Noble,
 Stockell, and William Murray) of Anne Arundel County);
 Thomas Bourne, (Thomas Parran, Joseph Ireland), Daniel
 Rawlings, and James Gray) of Calvert County); John
 Parnham, Gustavus Richard (Brown, Daniel Jenifer, John
 C. Daniel and Gerrard Wood of Charles County); Thomas
 Braddock, Thomas Love, John Cromwell, Philip Trapnell,
 and Christopher Todd of (Baltimore) County); Perry E. Noel,
 Stephen Theodore Johnson, Tristram Thomas and Endalls
 Martin of Talbot County); Leven ~~Living~~^{Living}, Arnold Elzey,
 Ezechiel Haynie, John Woolford, and Matthias Jones of
 Somerset County); Edward White, James Sulwano,
 Darsey Wyvell, William Hay and Thomas Goldsborough
 of Dorchester County); Abraham Mitchell, William Miller
 Elisha Harrison, John Grome and John King of Cecil
 County); Richard J. Duckett, William Beanes Junior,
 William Marshall, William Baker and Robert
 Pottinger of Prince Georges County); Upton Scott,

James Murray, John Thomas Shaaff, and Reverdy Ghieselin
of the City of Annapolis; James Davidson, John Wells, Samuel
Thompson, Robert Goldsborough, and John Thomas of Queen
Anas county; John Stelle, Thomas Pappill, George
Washington Purnell, John Purnell and John Huston, of
Worcester county; Philip Thomas, Francis Brown &
Sappington, William Hilliard, John Tyler, and
Joseph Sam Smith of Frederick county; John Archer,
Thomas H. Birchhead, Elijah Davis, and Thomas
Archer of Harford county; Jesse Downes, John Young
Junior, Benjamin Keene, Joseph Price and Henry
Helm of Caroline county; George Brown, John Gutter,
Miles Little John, George Buchanan, Lyde Goodwin,
Ashton Alexander, Arthur Poe, Daniel Moores and
Henry Stevenson of the city of Baltimore; Richard
Pindell, Samuel Young, Peter Waltz, Jacob Schriewley,
and Zachariah Flagott of Washington county; Edward
Gantt, Charles Worthington, Joseph Hall, Zadok Magruder
Junior

Junior, James Anderson, and Charles A Beatty of (the
 Montgomery county); Benjamin Hurron, James Forbes
 and George Lynn of Allegany county); and such persons
 as they may from time to time elect, and their successors,
 are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and
 body politic, forever, by and under the name and title of
 the Medical and Surgical Faculty of the State of Maryland,
 and by and under the same name and title they shall be
 able and capable in Law to purchase, take, have and enjoy,
 to them and their successors, in fee, or for life estate or estates,
 any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, bank stocks,
 registered debts, or other public securities within this State,
 by the gift, bargain, sale or devise, of any person or persons,
 bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and
 the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease,
 and apply to such purposes as they may adjudge most
 conducive to the promoting and disseminating Medical
 and Surgical knowledge, or to alleviating the calamities
 (and)

and mesuies of their fellow citizens; (Provided nevertheless, that the said Faculty) or body politic shall not, at any one time, hold or possess property) real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of Ten thousand Dollars per annum.

And be it enacted, That the members of the said Faculty) above designated) may and shall) hold their first meeting) at the city) of Annapolis on the first Monday in June next, or as soon thereafter as a number not less than fifteen) of them can be convened), at which meeting they may appoint a President, a Secretary) and Treasurer, make a common seal, and may elect into their body) such medical and) surgical practitioners within this State) as they may think qualified) to become) members of the Faculty),

And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said) medical) Faculty), or any number of them, then attending), (not less than Fifteen,) to elect by Ballot, Twelve persons of the greatest (Medical and) Surgical abilities in the State, who shall be styled the Medical
(Board;

(6.)

Board of Examiners for the State of Maryland, seven of whom shall be residents of the Western and five of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, whose duty it shall be to grant Licences to such Medical and Chirurgical gentlemen as they, either upon a full examination, or upon the production of Diplomas from some respectable College, may judge adequate to commence the practice of the Medical and Chirurgical Arts, each person so obtaining a certificate to pay a sum not exceeding Ten Dollars, to be fixed on or ascertained by the Faculty.

And be it enacted, That any five of the Examiners appointed for the Western, and any three of those appointed for the Eastern Shore, shall constitute a Board on their respective shores for examining such candidates as may apply on the said shores respectively, and shall subscribe their names to each certificate by them granted, which certificate shall be also countersigned by the President of the Faculty, and have the seal of the Faculty affixed thereto by the Secretary, upon the payment into the

the hands of the Treasurer of the sum of money to be ascertained as above by the (Faculty), and any one of said Examiners, may grant a Licence to practice until a Board in conformity to this act can be held)

And be it enacted, That after the appointment of the aforesaid Medical Boards no person, not already a practitioner of medicine or surgery, shall be allowed to practice in either of the said Branches, and receive payment for his services, without having first obtained a Licence, certified as by this Law directed, under the penalty of (Fifty) Dollars for each offence, to be recovered in the County Court where he may reside by Bill of Presentment and Indictment, one half for the use of the Faculty, and the other for that of the Informer.

And be it enacted, That every person who, upon application, shall be elected a member of the Medical Faculty, shall pay a sum not exceeding Ten Dollars, to be ascertained by the Faculty.

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And be it enacted, That the said Medical Faculty be and they are hereby empowered, from time to time to make such by Laws, Rules and Regulations, as they may find requisite; to break or alter their common seal; to fix the times and places for their general meetings, for the meetings of the Board of Examiners, the modes and times of electing Officers, filling up vacancies in the Medical Boards, and to do and perform such other things as may be requisite for carrying this act into execution, and which may not be repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of this State, or the United States.

By the House of Delegates

January 26th 1799

Read and reported to

By order

Wm. Lawrence

John Byler

(By the Senate)

January 20th 1799

Read and reported to

By order

Alvan Horn