Henry Harford Esq.r true & absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Province of Maryland to all to whom these presents shall come Greeting.

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

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Whereas the Committee of the Society of Protestant Dissenters in Baltimore Town, at present known & distinguished by the name of Presbyterians, have signified to us that they are subject to great apprehensions & inconveniencies for want of being a Corporate Body in Law to hold their Church & Burying Ground by a sufficient Tenure, & to claim & recover such Subscriptions & Debts as become due in the ordinary management of their Congregational business, & to receive & secure any grants, devises & donations which have been, & may hereafter be, made for the use & benefit of the said Church

Wherefore they have in behalf of themselves & said Society prayed us to grant our Charter of Incorporation to them the said Committee for these purposes.

Now Know ye That we favouring the said Prayer & application & being desirous to encourage every pious & useful design & for other good causes & considerations us thereunto moving do by these presents give, grant, & declare that the said Committee are & shall be one Body Corporate & Politic in Deed by the name of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Baltimore Town one Body Corporate & Politic in deed and name we do for us our Heirs and Successors fully create constitute & confirm by these presents & that by the said name they may have perpetual Succession and that they & their Successors by the Name of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Baltimore Town be, and at all times hereafter shall be, Persons able & capable in law to have, get, receive, & possess Lands, Tenements, Rents, Liberties, Franchises & Hereditaments, to them & their Successors in Fee simple or for Term of life, lives, years or otherwise; and also Goods, Chattles, & other things of what kind or quality soever, which together with the profits arisising from the Burying Ground, Scite, & Pews of said Church shall be considered as the Stock & Property of the said Church, provided that the real Estate of the said Corporation shall not at any time exceed the Sum of Sterling Money of Great Brittain p.r annum exclusive of the Profits arising, or that shall arise, from the burying Ground Scite, & Pews of said Church. And also to give grant, let & assign the same Lands & Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods & Chattles, excepting the Burying Ground of said Society and the Scite of said Church and to do & execute all other things about the same and also that they be, and shall be, forever after, Persons able & capable in Law to sue, & to be sued, plead, & be impleaded, defend, & be defended, in all and any Court & Courts within the