

CHAP. XLVI.

An Act to incorporate the Columbian Charitable Society of Shipwrights and Caulkers, of Boston and Charlestown.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Thomas Whitman, Benjamin Turner, Seth Grammar, Samuel Holbrook, William Learned, together with their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby incorporated, by the name of the Columbian Charitable Society of Shipwrights and Caulkers, of Boston and Charlestown; with power to have and use a common seal, and to make by-laws for the governing of the affairs of the said association, and the management and application of its funds; and also for promoting inventions and improvements in their art, by granting premiums; to assist mechanics with loans of money, and to relieve the distresses of unfortunate mechanics, and their families; and shall have and use all other privileges incident to, and usually given by acts of incorporation, to charitable societies. And the said association may hold real estate not exceeding in value two thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Persons incorporated.

General powers.

Premiums.

Loans.

May hold real and personal estate.

First meeting.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any two of the persons herein named, are hereby empowered to call the first meeting of the said association, at such time and place as they may appoint, by giving personal notice, to each of their associates, to choose their officers; at which meeting the mode of calling future meetings shall be regulated and settled.

Legislative control.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That this act may be amended, revised, and repealed at the pleasure of the Legislature.

[Approved by the Governor, January 24th, 1823.]