ACT OF INCORPORATION.

An Act to erect Baltimore Town, in Baltimore County, into a City, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof.

Whereas, it is found by experience that the good order, health, peace and safety of large towns and cities cannot be preserved, nor the evils and accidents to which they are subject avoided or remedied, without an internal power competent to establish a police and regulation fitted to their particular circumstances, wants and exigencies; therefore, **Preamble.**

SECTION 1.—Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Baltimore town, in Baltimore county, shall be, and is hereby, erected into a City, by the name of the City of Baltimore, and the inhabitants thereof constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and as such shall have perpetual succession, and by their corporate name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, grant, receive and do all other acts as natural persons, and may purchase and hold real, personal and mixed property, or dispose of the same for the benefit of the said city, and may have and use a city seal, which may be broken or altered at pleasure. The City of Baltimore shall be divided into eight wards, each ward to contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, the first division shall be made by seven respectable citizens, or a majority of them, to be appointed by the Governor and Council; and the corporation of the said city thereafter, from time to

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City Seal.

City divided into eight wards.