

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That all acts for the incorporation of manufacturing or mining companies, passed after the passage of this act, shall continue in force for the period of thirty years and no longer, and shall at all times from the organization of the company, be liable to be amended or repealed, at the pleasure of the legislature, in the same manner as if an express provision to that effect was therein contained, unless there shall have been inserted in such act of incorporation an express provision to the contrary.

Charters limited to 30 years.
May be annulled.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That the president and directors of such company, shall at all times exhibit its books and property, condition, and so forth, to the inspection of any stockholder therein, or of such committee or committees, as the legislature may from time to time, for that purpose appoint.

Subject to examination

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That no company claiming the benefit of this act, shall by deed of trust, mortgage, or otherwise, incumber their property, for the purpose of giving the preference to one creditor over another, and that whenever any such deed or mortgage, shall be given to any one or more creditors, it shall enure to the benefit of all the creditors of such company existing at the time of such conveyance, and all such creditors shall be entitled to rateable satisfaction out the property embraced by such conveyance.

Restricted as to mortgages.

Rights reserved.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall commence and be in force from and after the passage thereof.

In force.

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That no company claiming the benefits of this act, shall exercise any banking privilege, or have the right to issue any note in the nature of a bank note.

Banking forbid.

CHAPTER 275.

AN ACT relating to Sheriffs.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, the clerk of each county court in this state, shall in open court, at the commencement of each term of the county court of such county, administer to the sheriff of each county in this state, the following oath: You, A. B. do swear or affirm, (as the case may be) that in summoning jurors, to be returned to any of the courts of this state, and that in executing every writ or precept which hath come to your hands for the return of jurors, you have used your utmost diligence to summon and return as jurors, sober and judicious persons, of good reputation, and qualified by the laws of this state to serve as jurors, and have prevented any man from being summoned or returned by you, or by any officer under you, who in your judgment, will be influenced in determining any of the matters which shall come before him as a juror, by hatred, malice or ill will, favour

Clerk of county required to administer.

Oath to sheriff.