meeting of the stockholders, giving ten days notice in said newspapers specifying in such notice the objects of such meeting.

Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That as soon as prac-Open books. ticable after the passage of this Act, the persons named in the first Section of this Act, or a majority of them, shall open books for subscription to the capital stock of said Company at some suitable place or places in the city of Baltimore, of which public notice shall be given, and shall keep the same open for one week or until eight thousand shares are subscribed and taken.

Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That a majority in amount of the whole number of stockholders may powers. in their discretion accept and receive any additional power and privileges, which may at any time be conferred upon the said Company either by amendment of this Act or by any other Act hereafter to be passed.

Additional

Sec. 10. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to confer bank- hibited. ing privileges on said Company to issue any note or other evidence of debt to be used as currency.

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Sec. 11. And be it enacted, That in any suit by Witness. or against this Company, no stockholder as such shall be incompetent as a witness, unless he be otherwise incompetent.

Sec. 12. And be it enacted, That this Act shall In force. take effect from the date of its passage, and continue in force until the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and until the end of the next Session of the General Assembly which shall take place Limit. thereafter, and that the General Assembly reserves to itself the right to repeal or amend this Act of incorporation at its pleasure.

Approved March 28, 1868.