

affairs of said corporation and to make a report thereof, which report shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose that shall be opened for the inspection at all times of any stockholders, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the succeeding Board of Directors within ten days thereafter, after their qualifications, to declare such dividend of the profits as shall have been made during the past year upon unredeemed shares, and all dividends due to holders of unredeemed shares who may have paid up the entire amount of the par value of their stock in advance or otherwise shall be paid to the holder thereof in cash, and all dividends upon unredeemed stock not yet paid up in full shall be *pro rata* passed to the credit of the holder thereof in reduction of the future installments of the same.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That on the trial of any action or proceeding at law or equity, in which the property or interest of said corporation may be in any way concerned, any stockholders in said corporation shall be a competent witness and shall not be objected to on account of any interest he may have as a stockholder or member in the result of any such action or other proceeding. Witnesses.

Sec. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the oath of the presiding officer, Secretary or Treasurer of said corporation, as to the truth and *bona fide* consideration mentioned in any mortgage, bill of sale or any other instrument of writing shall be taken and deemed to all intents and purposes to be a full compliance with the twenty-ninth Section of Article twenty-four of Maryland Code of Public General Laws, and an Act of Assembly of eighteen hundred and forty-six, Chapter two hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act to Prevent Frauds in Mortgages and Bills of Sale and any Supplement or Supplements thereto;" and that the oath of the Treasurer or other financial officer of the said corporation whose duty it may be to keep the books of accounts of the said corporation, shall be so taken and deemed to be a full compliance with the provision of the Act of Assembly of eighteen hundred and thirty-three, Chapter one hundred and eighty-one, entitled "An Act Relating to Mortgages or any Supplement or Supplements Officers.