

## FOR CONSTRUCTING TELEGRAPHS.

102. Any seven or more white persons, citizens of the United States, and a majority of them citizens of this State, may associate for the purpose of owning or constructing a line or lines of wires of telegraph through this State, or from or to any point within this State, upon the terms and conditions and subject to the liabilities herein prescribed.

103. Such persons, under their hands and seals, shall make a certificate which shall specify: First. The name assumed to distinguish such association, and to be used in its dealings, and by which it may sue and be sued. Second. The general route of the line of telegraph, designating the points to be connected. Third. The capital stock of such association, and the number of shares into which the stock shall be divided. Fourth. The names and places of residence of the stockholders and the number of shares held by each of them respectively. Fifth. The period at which such association shall commence and terminate.

104. The said certificate shall be acknowledged before any officer authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds of real estate at the place such acknowledgment is taken, and shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county where any office of such association shall be established; or if the office be in the city of Baltimore, then in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court for said city.

105. When the said certificate shall be so acknowledged and recorded, such association shall be a body corporate by the name designated therein.

106. Such association shall have power to purchase and hold, and convey such real estate, and such only, as may be necessary for the convenient transaction of the business, and for effectually carrying on the operations of such association, and may appoint such directors, officers and agents, and make such prudential rules and regulations as may be necessary in the transaction of their business.

107. Such association may construct lines of telegraph along and upon any of the public roads and highways, or across any of the waters within the limits of this State, by the erection of the necessary fixtures, including posts, piers or abutments for