

Power and authority to contract.

hereby authorized to agreè, contract with and provide for all engineers, artists, superintendents, officers and hands, and for the hire and use of all dredges, machines, vessels, engines, utensils and implements, and for such materials and articles as shall from time to time be necessary to transact and perform the business and work, and to effect the objects for which said Company is incorporated, to fix the compensation for all such engineers, artists, superintendents, officers and hands, and in their discretion to dismiss, remove and discharge the same, to appoint the time and direct the manner of holding the annual election of President and Directors, to provide for filling vacancies in their own Board, to provide for calling general meetings of the stockholders, to provide the mode of transferring the stock of the Company, and of furnishing evidence of ownership of shares, to provide for the collection of shares, and the forfeiture thereof in case of non-payment, and to pass all such by-laws as shall be necessary for the effectual exercise of all the powers, rights and privileges and the discharge of all the duties vested in or required of them by this charter, and the said by-laws from time to time to alter, change or repeal ; *provided*, no by-laws shall be made contrary to this charter, or the Constitution and laws of the State or United States.

Fill vacancies.

Proviso.

Bridge to be substantial.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That said bridge over said Narrows shall be built in the most secure and substantial manner, and shall be secured and supported at each end by good and efficient abutments or piers, and shall not be less than twenty feet wide, with substantial railing on each side, with a draw at least forty feet wide in said bridge at the deepest part of said Narrows, after the obstructions shall have been removed therefrom, and the same shall have been cut and deepened, as hereinafter provided for the passage of steamboats, vessels, and other river craft through the same, and the President and Directors for the time being shall, at all times, keep a sufficient number of hands ready for the purpose of removing said draw, so as to allow steamboats, vessels, and other river craft to pass through the same without delay or interruption, the owner or owners, or agents of all such steamboats, vessels or craft, having first paid or