

CHAP. 166. fifty thousand dollars, in two thousand five hundred shares, at twenty dollars each, under the direction of the following commissioners, to wit: At Frederick-town, by Colonel John M. Pherson, George Baer, Thomas Shaw, John Hoffman, and Peter Mantz; at New Town, Trap, by Patrick M. Gill, James Simmons, junior, Jacob Fiester and Jesse Matthews; at Peters-Ville, by Doctor William Hilleary, Grafton Duvall, John Slifer, junior, and Benjamin West; at John Ecard's tavern, by John Brien, Thomas Boteler, John Ecard, and Alexander Grim; at Baltimore, by William Jessop, J. E. Howard, James Labes, Luke Tiernan, Henry Payson, James L. Hawkins, Andrew Ellicott, Isaac Tyson, George Hoffman, and Philip E. Thomas, or any one of them, who may adjourn from day to day, and place to place, until the whole stock shall be taken.

Organization of  
company

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when one thousand shares of said stock shall have been subscribed, the commissioners shall give twenty days notice of the time and place appointed for the subscribers to meet and organize said institution, and to choose, by plurality of votes, by ballot, a president and five managers, (three of whom shall form a quorum,) a treasurer, and such other officers as they shall deem necessary, to conduct the affairs of the company until the first Monday in March thereafter, and until a new election, and to make such by-laws as they shall deem necessary, and on the first Monday of March in every year, or within ten days thereafter, said company shall meet for the same purposes, at such place as the president and managers shall appoint; and in all elections by stockholders each share shall be entitled to one vote.

Stockholders in-  
corporated

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the stockholders in said company shall be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of The Harper's Ferry Turnpike Road Company, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, and shall be capable of suing and being sued, answering and being answered, and of enlarging their stock by new subscriptions, if the same shall be found necessary.

Payments, how to  
be made

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sums so subscribed shall be paid in the following manner: Two dollars on each share at the time of subscribing, to the commissioner or commissioners, and the balance to the president and managers aforesaid, in such sums, and at such times, as they may appoint, giving one month's public notice of the payment so required, provided that no instalment shall exceed one fifth of a share.

Commissioners to  
be appointed to lay  
out road—their  
oath

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president and managers be and they are hereby authorised to appoint five commissioners, who, or a majority of whom agreeing, shall lay out the road from the Frederick and Baltimore turnpike road, beginning at the west end of Frederick-town, through New-town, Trap, to Harper's ferry, on the Potomac river, on as straight a line as the nature of the country will admit; and after having laid out and marked said road, they shall make a plot of the same, specifying the courses and distances, and return it to the clerks of Frederick and Washington county courts, to be recorded; and the said commissioners, before they proceed to act, shall take the following oath, or affirmation: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will lay out and