become the property, and at its actual cash value shall chap. 287. be deemed part of the capital of the Western Bank of Appropriation of Baltimore, hereby incorporated, or intended so to be: and for the sum of said value, as nearly as may be, shares of stock in the said bank shall vest in and be allotted to the proprietors of the said society, severally and rateably, according to their respective interests in its estate; and the president and directors of said bank shall distribute rateably amongst and pay to the said proprietors, the excess of said estate, over the par valuc of the shares which shall have been allotted as aforesaid: and so soon as the resolution and statement aforementioned shall have been filed as is herein before provided, the rights of action of the said society shall become and be, without any interruption, diminution or enlargement, the rights of the said bank; and the charter charged of the said society shall thereupon cease to be in force. and be considered as having been surrendered, and thereby made utterly null and void.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the persons who incorporated shall be the proprietors of the shares of the capital stock, that shall be allotted as is hereinbefore provided, and all and every other person or persons who shall hold any of the capital stock, by this act authorised to be created, their successors and assigns, shall be and they are hereby made and declared to be a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of the Western Bank of Baltimore, and shall so continue Till 1866 until the end of the year eighteen hundred and fiftysix, and the expiration of the first session of the General Assembly which 'shall be held thereafter, and by that name, shall be and are hereby made able and capa- corporate powers ble in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in courts of record, or in any other place whatsoever; also to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure; and to ordain, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as shall seem necessary and convenient for the government of the said corporation, the same not being contrary to law, or the provisions of this act; and generally to do and execute all