

shares, which book shall, during the usual business hours of every business day, be open for the inspection of stockholders or creditors of the corporation at the principal office of the said corporation in this State; and every officer or agent of any such corporation who shall neglect or refuse to exhibit the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and the corporation shall forfeit and pay to the party injured, a penalty of fifty dollars for every such neglect or refusal, and all the damages resulting therefrom to be recovered in an action of debt before a justice of the peace.

1868, ch. 471, sec. 68.

73. It shall be the duty of every corporation formed under this article, having a capital stock, to cause to be made, in the first week in January and July in each and every year, a full and particular statement of the affairs of said company, verified by the oaths or affirmations of its president and treasurer, or chief finance officer, which statement shall consist of a particular account of its assets and liabilities in minute details, calculated to the time of making up the statement as aforesaid; each of the said statements so made up shall be recorded in a book kept in the principal office of the said corporation in this State.

Ibid. sec. 69.

74. Any corporation formed under this article, or under any special law, and having a capital stock, may increase or diminish the same to any amount that may be deemed sufficient and proper for the purposes of the corporation, by complying with the provisions of the following sections; but every corporation incorporated under any special law, which shall so increase or diminish its capital stock, shall remain subject in other particulars to all the limitations contained in its charter, or in any supplement thereto; and every corporation incorporated under this article which shall so diminish or increase its stock, shall remain subject in other particulars to the provisions of this article.

Booth v. Campbell, 37 Md. 529.

Ibid. sec. 70.

75. Before any corporation shall be entitled to diminish the amount of its capital stock, under the provisions of the preceding