

as required by the next succeeding section, shall be conclusive evidence that such certificate does conform to the law.

Goodman v. Jedidjah Lodge, 67 Md. 125.

1868, art. 23, sec. 44. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 39.

52. If the said judge shall so determine, he shall certify his said determination upon the said certificate, which shall thereupon be recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which the principal office of said corporation shall, by the terms of said certificate, be located, if it shall be located in one of the counties of this State, or in the office of the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, if the principal office of said corporation shall be located therein; and the said certificate shall be recorded in a book provided for that special purpose.

Oler v. Balto. & Randallstown R. R. Co., 41 Md. 583.

Ibid. sec. 45. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 40.

53. When the said certificate shall have been recorded, the persons who have signed and acknowledged the same, and their successors shall, according to the objects, purposes, articles, conditions and provisions in said instrument contained, become, and be a body politic and corporate, in fact and in law, by the name stated in such certificate.

Grape S. & V. Co. v. Small, 40 Md. 395.

Ibid. sec. 46. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 41.

54. A copy of such certificate, or of any amendments thereto, or of any paper relating to corporations, which is required by law to be recorded, when certified to be a true copy by the clerk of the court in whose office the same is recorded, under the seal of his office, shall be evidence in all legal proceedings, and in all the courts of this State.

Ibid. sec. 47. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 42. 1890, ch. 339. 1892, ch. 39. 1894, ch. 557.

55. If any alteration or amendment of the articles or provisions of the charter of any said corporations shall be made by the authority of the corporations, such alterations or amendments shall be made known, acknowledged and recorded in the same manner as prescribed in sections 50, 51 and 52 of this article, and after the said alteration or amendment shall be recorded, the same shall be taken to be a part of the said charter or instrument, as if the same had originally been