

## CHAPTER 234.

Passed May 20, 1853. AN ACT to incorporate the Isabella Gas Works, of Frederick city.

Incorporated.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That George J. Fisher, Jacob Markell, James Whitehill, Basil Norris, Michael Keefer, and Grayson Eichelberger, and all such persons as shall associate with them by becoming stockholders in the manner hereinafter provided, their successors and assigns shall be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the Isabella Gas Works, and by that name, style and title shall have continual succession, and shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered in any court of law or equity, and to make, have and use a common seal, and the same at pleasure to alter or renew, and generally to do and perform all such acts, and make all such contracts and agreements, and purchase, lease, hold, use and possess such lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattles as may be necessary for carrying on the manufacture of, or procuring or collecting, gas or inflammable air, and preserving, using and distributing the same, as a means of giving light, or for other useful purpose, or for lighting with gas the streets, squares, lanes and alleys, and the houses and other buildings and places in the city and precincts of Frederick, or for carrying on any manufacture necessary for converting to useful purposes the products of any substances which may be employed in making or procuring gas, and for disposing of the same; *Provided, always,* that the said company shall not, at any one time, hold or possess real and personal estate together, above the value of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, without the consent of the Legislature being first obtained.

Proviso.

Subscription books to be opened.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the persons named in the first section of this act, or those who may hereafter become stockholders, or a majority of them, may cause books to be opened at such times and places as they may direct, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, and such books to be kept open, from time to time, as long as in the discretion of said persons it is deemed expedient.

Capital stock.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the capital stock of said company shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and the number of shares shall amount, and be limited, to three hundred and sixty