

said act; and the stock of the said company, for many years, was considered of no value, and in consequence thereof the holders of said certificates of stock became and were indifferent in preserving the same, and transfers thereof were not made on the books of the said company, by reason whereof it is not known who are the *bona fide* owners of certain shares of said stock, or whether such shares have ever been duly assigned or transferred from the original holders thereof, and in consequence of which the affairs of the said company have become complicated and embarrassed; now, therefore, for the purpose of relieving the said company from such complications and embarrassments, and to provide means by which the legal and *bona fide* owners of said certificates of stock may become known and assert and establish their rights to the same:

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the president, managers and company of the said Boonsboro Turnpike Road Company be and they are hereby authorized to make publication in two or more newspapers published in Washington county, Maryland, one in the city of Baltimore, and one or more newspapers published in Jefferson county, West Virginia, giving notice to all persons holding or claiming to own certificates of stock or shares in the capital stock of the said company, to present such certificates of stock, or such evidences of ownership or title to shares in the said capital stock as may be within their knowledge or possession, to the said president, managers and company within six months after such publication.

Make publication.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That upon such presentation, if made within the time aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the president, managers and company of the Boonsboro Turnpike Road Company to place the name of such person or persons on the stock books of said company, and such person or persons shall thereafter be taken and held as stockholders, and treated as owners of shares according to the amounts or number of shares so shown to be *bona fide* held or entitled to be held.

Place names on stock book.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in case the said president, managers and company shall refuse or