

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the shares of the capital stock of the said company, both original and increased, shall be deemed and considered personal estate; and the directors shall semi-annually divide the profits derived from both turn-pike and railroad, (except what they shall deem necessary to reserve for repairs,) among all the stockholders, in proportion to the amount of stock held by them respectively; and they shall cause a notice of such dividend to be published in one newspaper in Baltimore city, and one in Elkton, and one in Wilmington, in Delaware, and shall annually report the same to the legislatures of Maryland and Delaware.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That unless said railroad is commenced within two years from the passage of this act, and finished within five years thereafter, this act and all the rights and privileges which it confers on said company shall cease, and be utterly void.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall not take effect until the legislature of Delaware pass an act similar in all its provisions to the aforesaid act.

Sec. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the state hereby reserves the right to alter or abolish said charter at any time after the period of twenty years from the completion of said road, on providing that such compensation shall be made to the stockholders as the legislature shall deem reasonable.

Shares of stock made personal property.
Dividends of profit.

Publish the same Report to legislature.

Time limited to commence & complete.

State right to abolish, reserved.

Compensation, to stockholders.

CHAPTER 208.

Passed March 14, 1828. *A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one system the laws to direct Descents.*

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in case of the death, inability, or removal out of the state, of the commissioners, or a majority of such commissioners appointed under and by virtue of the act to which this supplement, without having executed the duties prescribed by such commissioners, it shall be the duty of the court issuing the commission, on the application of any person interested therein, and such court is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint commissioners to fill up the vacancies occurring, and to empower the persons appointed in connexion with the remaining commissioner or commissioners theretofore appointed, as fully in every respect as if such person had been originally named in said commission.

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the county courts to receive the written election or refusal made out of court of such person or persons as may be entitled to elect or refuse to take the whole or any part of any estate at the valuation put thereon by commissioners—Therefore,

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted*, That every person entitled to elect or refuse to take the whole or any part of any estate, at the value ascertained and returned by the commissioners, as provided

Persons may in writing, refused to take part of estate at valuation.

Whereas.

Authority to fill vacancies of commissioners.