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it is further provided that a certificate or statement for any interest or assessment or any note or other evidence of debt given in consideration of a policy of insurance or of any other transaction or proceeding of said company, attested by its secretary and the common seal, shall be prima facie evidence before any justice of the peace or court of law or equity; and no member of said corporation, not being in his individual capacity a party to any suit, shall be incompetent as a witness in any such cause on account of his being a member thereof.

Not liable for

SEC. 18. And be it further enacted, That no liability shall attach to this company where damage arises from fire happening in consequence of any invasion, insurrection, riot or civil commotion, or by any military or usurped power.

Receive or revoke any policy of insurance. SEC. 19. And be it further enacted, That the said company shall have full power and authority to receive or revoke any policy of insurance by them issued whenever they shall deem it for the interest of said company to do so.

Right reserved. SEC. 20. And be it further enacted, That the Legislature reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal this Act of incorporation at pleasure.

When operative.

SEC. 21. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall not go into operation so as to authorize the execution of any policy or contract of insurance until there shall be entered upon the books thereof property of the standard value of thirty thousand dollars, but shall, in all other respects, take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1906.

CHAPTER 760.

AN ACT to repeal Section 9 of Chapter 199 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland for the Session of 1904, entitled "An Act to create the office of Treasurer for Charles County, and to provide for the collection of taxes therein;" and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to add a new section to said Act, to be known as "Section 10."

Repeal and re-enact. Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 9 of Chapter 199 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland for the Session of 1904, enti-