

of this act, and shall have as many votes as he has shares, as far as ten shares, and one vote for every five shares thereafter, but such agent or proxy shall be a member of the company.

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Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That so soon as the subscrip- Incorporation
tion shall be closed, the commissioners before named to take subscriptions, or such of them as shall act, shall certify under their hands the names of the subscribers, and the number of shares subscribed by each person, to the clerk of the court of Montgomery county, in this state, and the clerk of Loudon county, in the state of Virginia, and thereupon the said subscribers, their heirs or assigns, shall be and are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of The Leesburg Bridge Company, and by that name, and under that style, the said company shall have succession, and shall be authorised to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, both at law and in equity; also fix upon, make, have and use, a common seal, and the same to change, alter and renew, at pleasure; and generally to do and execute all matters, acts and things, which a corporation or body politic may or can lawfully do and execute.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That so soon as six hundred General meetings
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shares shall have been subscribed, the commissioners aforesaid, or any three of them, shall by public advertisement in one or more newspapers printed in Leesburg, Fredericktown, Rockville, and Washington city, twenty days previous to the day of meeting, call a general meeting of the subscribers, at such time and place as they shall think proper; and the subscribers, or their proxies, assembled in consequence of such notice, shall choose, by ballot, from among the subscribers or holders of shares, six persons as managers, to conduct the business of the company for one year thereafter, and until the next general meeting of the company, or an election shall be made; and the said six persons having a plurality of votes, shall be elected, and shall forthwith, from among their own number, choose a president; the said president and managers shall have power to fill any vacancy which occurs in their own body; to appoint a clerk and treasurer from among the stockholders; to require from the treasurer bond, with security as they may deem sufficient, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, which bond shall be made payable to the president and managers for the time being, and their successors; and every person elected as aforesaid shall, previously to his entering upon the duties of his office, take an oath, or affirmation, before a justice of the peace, faithfully to discharge the duties attached to his office; a certificate of which oath, or affirmation, shall by the board of managers be filed among the papers belonging to the company; and the said president and