

award in the premises under their hands and seals, lodged with the treasurer of the Western Shore, shall be final and conclusive upon this State, the company and the person or persons who may have presented any claim or claims before them, or with whom the said company may have contracted; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorise the payment or allowance of any claim or damages growing out of the discontinuance or abandonment of said road, or on account of the forfeiture of any contract or engagements of the said Eastern Shore rail road company.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all such claims as may be allowed by the said commissioners, shall be paid to the person entitled to receive the same, ten days after the production of the award, by the treasurer of the Western Shore of this State, in the certificates of debt of this State at the par value thereof, to be issued for that purpose by the commissioner of loans, on the requisition of said treasurer, bearing an interest of five per centum per annum, and redeemable in fifty years from the dates thereof, which certificates shall be issued in denominations not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars each; the interest on which said bonds or certificates shall be payable semi-annually at the loan office, in the city of Baltimore.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That in case of the death, resignation or refusal to act, or other disability of any of the commissioners herein appointed, the Governor shall have power to fill any vacancy; and a majority of the commissioners for the time being, not less than three, shall be competent to exercise the powers conferred by this act; and the Governor shall have power to fix the compensation of the said commissioners, which shall be paid by the treasurer, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners appointed in pursuance of this act, shall have power to sell at public sale, or otherwise to convey and transfer on such terms as they deem proper, or make such disposition of the property acquired by said company, as they may deem expedient and most conducive to the interest of the State, and the said commissioners shall pay the proceeds of such sale into the treasury of the Western Shore.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall have power to summon witnesses to appear before them, to testify in relation to the matter referred to them as

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