

CHAP. 323. aforesaid, and examine the same on oath, and any person who shall fail to appear before the said commissioners, being duly summoned, shall be liable to indictment in the county court where he resides, and to punishment by fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

If witness fail to appear
Authority to appoint clerk—employ counsel &c.
SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall have power to appoint a clerk and fix his compensation; and power, if they deem the interests of the State require it, to employ counsel to defend the same; and generally shall have all such power as may be needful to execute the provisions of this act and ensure justice to the State, the company and the several persons interested in the matter submitted to them.

If act be accepted, prosecution of road to cease
SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That upon the acceptance of this act by the stockholders as aforesaid, all further prosecution of the said rail road shall cease, and the salaries of all the officers of the said company shall be discontinued from and after the said period.

Governor to send copy this act to State's agents, &c
Their instructions
SEC. 9. *And be it enacted,* That the Governor be requested to cause a copy of this act to be sent to each of the agents or commissioners to vote the stock of the State in the several internal improvement companies, and the said agents or commissioners be and they are hereby instructed to lay the same before the stockholders of said company in general meeting for that purpose to be called, and to advocate and vote for the acceptance of this act; and when so accepted, this act shall be taken and considered as modifying the charter of said company, so far as this act may come in conflict with it.

Return of books &c. of company to W. S. land office
SEC. 10. *And be it enacted,* That after the commissioners appointed under the provisions of this act shall have fully discharged all the duties hereby imposed on them, they shall return to and place under the charge of the register of the land office for the Western Shore, all the books, papers, maps and charts, and so forth, of the said Eastern Shore rail road company.

Limit of whole amount to be paid
SEC. 11. *And be it enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall authorise the payment of a sum, including the amount allowed private stockholders, exceeding in the whole the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

If State be liable for one million dollars, &c
SEC. 12. *And be it enacted,* That if there be any thing in the act of Assembly of eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter three hundred and ninety-five, by which this State is made liable or may hereafter be made liable to the Eastern Shore for one million of dollars, to be appropriated to works of internal improvement, then and in that case