the transfer of the stock of the company, and for proof CHAP. 221. of the ownership therein; to employ and compensate all officers and agents, mechanics and servants deemed by them useful or needful, and to dismiss them at pleasure: to enter into contracts on behalf of the company, and to use therefor the name and seal of the corporation; to make bye-laws and regulations, provided the same be not contrary to the laws and constitution of this State, and to repeal the same as they shall see fit; to keep full records of their proceedings, which shall be open for inspection at all meetings of the stockholders, and to committees appointed for that purpose; to report, from time to time, and at least annually to the Report annualstockholders, a statement of their affairs; to declare ly dividends of the profits in their discretion, and gene- Dividends rally to exercise all the powers and privileges conferred or appertaining to this corporation.

SEC. 7. And be it enacted, That no power not here- Powers limited by expressly given to the Directors shall be exercised by the board, which is incompatible with ordinances passed at meetings of stockholders as aforesaid; and Term that the Directors to be chosen after the orginization of the corporation, shall act as such until the next annual meeting of the stockholders, in September next ensuing.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That nothing Banking prohiherein contained shall be taken or construed so as to authorise the said corporation to establish a banking institution, or any thing in the nature of a banking institution, or issue a bank note, or any bill in the nature of a bank note.

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That nothing Right of taxaherein contained shall be construed to restrict the right of the Legislature to impose, from time to time, and at all times during the continuance of this act, and to levy and collect such reasonable tax upon the capital stock or estate of this corporation, as may comport with a general system of taxation upon monied institutions.

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That this act Limitation 1858 shall continue in force until the expiration of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and until the end of the next General Assembly which shall happen thereafter.