

ate accommodation, in relation to the convenient transaction of its business, and such as shall have been bona fide mortgaged or conveyed to it, by way of security, or in satisfaction of debts contracted in the course of its dealings, or purchased at sales, upon judgments which shall have been obtained for such debts. CHAP. 279.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That all notes or obligations, or dividend certificates, shall be signed by the president and countersigned by two of the directors; and no promissory note or obligation, except contracts for insurance, shall be given without the previous vote of the board of directors; and no sale or transfer of stock or property shall be made, nor any mortgage or bond discharged, except in pursuance of a vote of the said board. Notes or obligations to be signed by President.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for said company to divide on the first Tuesday of July, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and yearly afterwards, amongst the holders of its policies, not less than twelve calendar months old in date, and to which no dividend has been previously awarded, the nett profits resulting from its operations during the year past, pro rata of the sums actually paid, or secured to be paid in advance of premiums, as hereinabove mentioned in the fourth section of this act, and without reference to the particular length of time for which the insurance was originally effected; the dividends when made, shall be paid in certificates, to be called dividend certificates, and shall be payable as hereinafter mentioned; but all dividends not called for within three years from their annunciation, shall be forfeited to the company. Company to divide profits.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That when the accumulation of the nett profits of the company shall exceed fifty thousand dollars, the one-half of the excess shall be applied annually to the formation of a contingent fund, auxiliary to the capital, to pay for losses, until said contingent fund shall amount to two hundred thousand dollars; and the other half shall be applied from year to year towards the redemption of dividend certificates, in such manner as the board shall deem most advisable; when this contingent fund shall have reached the aforesaid sum of two hundred thousand dollars, it shall then be merged in the capital of the company, which will then be two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and it shall then be lawful for the company to apply the whole of its nett earnings annually towards the redemption of its outstanding certificates; when all these dividend certificates shall have been thus redeemed, the surplus nett profits of the company shall Contingent fund, &c.