

of the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sections of the act creating said corporation, AND WHEREAS, it is apprehended that the said provision has the effect wholly to repeal the fundamental articles of the Mechanic's Bank of Baltimore, as contained in the original charter, passed eighteen hundred and six, and the acts supplementary thereto, and to substitute in their place the fundamental articles of the Merchant's Bank of Baltimore, as contained in the act incorporating the same, passed December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, chapter two hundred and ten, which wholly omits sundry provisions contained in the fundamental articles of the charter of the Mechanic's Bank, and supplies others inapplicable and doubtful of their true intent and meaning; the President and Directors of the Mechanic's Bank of Baltimore have prayed for the passage of an explanatory and declaratory act, so far as the said bank is concerned—  
Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the charter of the President and Directors of the Mechanic's Bank of Baltimore, be and the same is hereby declared to be extended and continued in force until the end of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Charter extended until 1857.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the affairs of said corporation shall be conducted by a president and thirteen directors, appointed by the stockholders, together with such others as may from time, as hitherto, be appointed by the State, and that every stockholder and every person who shall become a stockholder in the Mechanic's Bank of Baltimore, and being a citizen of the United States and a resident within this State, shall be eligible to be chosen directors of said bank, and that at all future elections for directors, it shall be deemed a sufficient compliance with the intent and meaning of all prior acts, so far as they apply to the President and Directors of the Mechanic's Bank of Baltimore, if a majority of the whole number of directors, howsoever elected or appointed, are practical mechanics or manufacturers, actually carrying on some mechanical or manufacturing business.

Officers to be appointed.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the president and directors for the time being, shall give six weeks public notice, in two or more of the daily newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, of the time and place of holding the annual election, which shall be made on the first Monday in June next, and on the first Monday of June every year thereafter.

To give six weeks public notice.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That in case of sickness or necessary absence of the president, his place may be supplied for.

Sickness or absence of the president provided for.