

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be a semi-annual dividend of profits upon shares of stock ; and the first shall be made on the first Monday of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, if the sum then received shall be deemed sufficient for that purpose, and semi-annually thereafter.

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SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That a majority of said directors shall be competent to transact all the business, and discharge all the duties authorised and directed by this act.

Majority of directors may transact business.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That if subscriptions shall not be received by said commissioners to the amount of one-half of the capital, as aforesaid, in that case, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be and are authorised to re-open the books of subscription from time to time, until one-half of said capital shall be subscribed ; provided, that the same notice be given of such re-opening as directed in the first instance.

May re-open.

Proviso.

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so taken or construed, as to allow the said corporation, to issue any token, scrip, or device, to be used as a currency ; and that the legislature hereby reserves to itself the right to alter or annul this act of incorporation at pleasure.

Issues forbid.

CHAPTER 281.

*An act to prevent unlawful dealings with Negroes, and the reception of Stolen Goods, in Calvert County.*

Passed Mar. 7, 1846.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, it may be lawful for any three creditable inhabitants of the county, to go before the county court of Calvert county, or if such court be not in session, to any judge thereof, and make oath, that they verily suspect or believe that any person having a license to sell or trade in said county, deals unlawfully with negroes or mulattoes, or is in the habit of receiving stolen goods; and upon the receipt of said oaths by the court or judge, the said court or judge, shall issue a summons returnable upon a certain day, to such person so authorised to trade or sell, directing him to appear and answer the charges in the said affidavits contained ; and upon the return day of the

Three persons may go before court.