

PHILIP F. THOMAS, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR. 1847.

pertaining to the same shall be stopped, obstructed, impaired, weakened, injured or destroyed, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said corporation double the amount of damages sustained by means of such offence or injury, to be recovered in the name of said corporation, with costs of suit, by action of trespass, and such person or persons so trespassing or injuring the works or other property of the company shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished accordingly, except in those cases in which the offence is of a higher grade, or otherwise specifically made punishable by law.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That the corporation hereby incorporated, shall have power and are hereby authorised, to purchase and hold mineral lands or real estate, for the purpose of mining; *provided*, the said lands or real estate shall not exceed twenty thousand acres, which said lands or real estate so purchased and held, shall constitute a part of the capital, but not to exceed in the whole more than one million of dollars, a moiety of the capital hereby authorised to be subscribed.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That each subscriber shall pay two per centum on the amount subscribed by him at the time of making such subscription, and it shall be lawful for the directors, or a majority of them, to require payment of such other sums of the capital stock, at such times, and in such proportions, and on such conditions as they shall deem fit, under the penalty of the forfeiture of all previous payments thereon, and shall give notice of the payments thus required, and of the time and place where and when the same are to be paid, at least thirty days, by publishing the said notice in a public newspaper in Washington in the District of Columbia, in the city of Richmond in the State of Virginia, in the cities of Cumberland and Baltimore in the State of Maryland, and in the city of New York in the State of New York.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That any part of this act shall be subject to be altered, amended or modified by any future legislature, as to them shall seem proper, except so much thereof as prescribes the rate of compensation or tolls for transportation; *provided*, that the rights of property acquired under this act, shall not be taken away or impaired by any future legislature.