

the third fundamental article of their association, to such sum not exceeding three millions of dollars, as may in their judgment better represent the true value of the property of said company, than the assessment of the said stock as now held and rated in conformity to the provisions of the original act incorporating said company.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the passage thereof.

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CHAPTER 143.

Passed Mar. 8, 1856. AN ACT to incorporate "The Express Steam Navigation Company."

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the General Assembly, that the incorporating of a steam passenger and freighting company, having for its object the insuring of a speedy and safe conveyance of passengers, and of the various products of the farmer, merchant, mechanic, and manufacturer, to and from market, would greatly promote the convenience of the people and benefit the agricultural and other interests, enhance the value of real estate, and tend to develop the agricultural resources of a portion of a State; and it being represented to the General Assembly that a number of persons are willing to unite their funds for the purpose of forming a company to effectuate these objects; Therefore,

Incorporated.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That George Vickers, David C. Blackiston, Isaac Parsons, John Gale, William P. Francis and George D. S. Handy, of Kent county, and Richard Semans and Doctor Samuel Wells, of Cecil county, and all and every person and persons who may become subscribers or stockholders according to the mode hereinafter prescribed, their successors and assigns, shall be and they are hereby incorporated by the name of "The Express Steam Navi-