

son or persons now owning a ferry over the river Potomac, then the value of such ferry shall be assessed to the person or persons in the damages aforesaid; *And provided also*, That the damages assessed shall be fully paid or tendered to the party entitled to receive the same, before the company aforesaid shall be entitled to exercise any act of possession or ownership on the land aforesaid. Proviso.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to authorise the said company to issue any note, token, device, or scrip to be circulated or issued as a currency. Banking forbidden.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after the confirmation thereof by the Legislature of Virginia. When to take effect.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the Legislature hereby reserves to itself the full right to alter, amend, or repeal this charter at its pleasure. Reservation.

#### CHAPTER 248.

AN ACT to incorporate the Elkton and Sassafras River Railroad Company. Passed Mar. 10, 1856.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Thomas C. Crookshanks, Griffith M. Eldridge, Thomas V. Ward, George R. Howard, James L. Craig, Benjamin F. May, Littleton S. Cropper, John L. Clayton, Hiram McCullough, William Knight, Richard Seamans, George W. Bennett, Samuel S. Maffitt, John C. Groome and Davidson D. Pearce, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several things hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, they or a majority of them, shall at any time within two years from the passage of this act, procure a sufficient number of suitable books which shall be opened at such time or times, place or places as they shall think proper, in each of which shall be made the following entry: "We whose names are hereunto] subscribed, do promise to pay to the Commissioners appointed.