

11 AND BE IT ENACTED, That the original subscribers to this association, and the assignees, transferees, and legal representatives of all such original subscribers, forever, shall be taken and deemed, to all intents and purposes, to be members of the company, and shall be entitled to all the rights, benefits and advantages to arise in any manner therefrom, or from the property, works and capital stock thereof, (subject to the original agreement aforesaid) in proportion to the amount of their stock and interest respectively; *Provided*, That no transfer or assignments of the said stock shall be valid, unless it be made on the books of the company, and in such manner as the president and directors or a majority of them shall appoint, and every person or persons having so transferred or assigned the whole of his, her, or their interest and stock in the company, shall hereafter cease to be a member or members of the said company to all intents and purposes.

DEC. SESS.
1813.
Original subscribers to be members of the company.

Provido.

CHAPTER 146.

An act authorising a partition of the lands therein mentioned.

Passed Jan. 31, 1814.

Preamble,

WHEREAS the two tracts of land called Baltimore's Gift and Partnership, situate on Apeteague Island, in Worcester county, were originally held by a number of proprietors as tenants in common, and by the death of some and the alienations of others, the said tracts have become the property of so many persons, that several of the original holders thereof cannot ascertain to whom those several subdivisions belong, in order to effect a partition thereof in the ordinary course of law: *Therefore,*

County court to issue a commission. Oath. Notice.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the county court of Worcester, and they are hereby required on the petition in writing of any of the parties entitled to both or either of the said tracts of land forthwith, to issue a commission to five discreet and sensible men of the said county, not interested in said lands or related to the owners thereof, who, or a majority of whom, before they act, shall take an oath before some judge or justice, to be annexed to the commission, "well and truly without favor or partiality, to divide the said tracts of land (or either of them, as the case may be) fairly and equally among the original parties interested according to their just proportions and the provisions of this act." And they or a majority of them shall give public notice at the court house door of the said county, and such other public notice as the said court shall direct, of the time and place of their meeting, at least sixty days previous to such meeting.