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Joseph Smith, Patrick M'Gill, Grafton Duvall, John Thomas, John Slifer, and Henry Burkitt; and for twenty-five thousand dollars at William's-Port, under the direction of Samuel Ringgold, Thomas Buchanan, Edward G. Williams, Jacob T. Towson, Daniel Rentch, Michael A. Finley and Edmund H. Turner, for the first before mentioned road; and for a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, in shares of twenty dollars each, at the city of Washington, under the direction of the first before mentioned commissioners, with the addition of William Carroll and Adam Robb, for the last before mentioned road; who are hereby appointed commissioners for the purposes aforesaid, who shall, for each of the companies for which they are respectively appointed, on or before the first Monday in May next, procure books, and each enter as follows, to wit: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers and company, of the Rockville and William's-Port Turnpike Road, the sum of twenty dollars for every share of stock in the said company set opposite to our respective names, agreeably to an act of the state of Maryland, entitled, "An act to incorporate companies to make certain turnpike roads through the counties of Montgomery, Frederick and Washington, and for other purposes." Witness our hands this

day of
eighteen hundred and ;" and shall give

notice in one of the public news-papers in the city of Washington, in George-Town and in Frederick, for one month at least, of the times when, and places where, the said books will be opened to receive subscriptions of stock for such respective company or companies, at which times and places at least two of the said respective commissioners shall attend for each of the said respective companies, and shall permit and suffer all persons who shall offer to subscribe in person, or by attorney duly authorised, in the said books, which shall be kept open for that purpose at least four hours every day, Sundays excepted, for the space of three days, if three days shall be necessary; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said commissioners shall not permit any one person or company to subscribe for more than twenty-five shares during the first day on which the said books shall be opened in either of the respective companies, nor more than fifty shares on the second day on which the said books shall be opened; and if at the expiration of the said three first days, the said books shall not have, for each respective road, the full number subscribed, the said respective commissioners may adjourn from time to time, until the number of shares respectively shall be subscribed, of which adjournment public notice shall be given in at least one of the public newspapers of the city of Washington, one in George-Town, and one in Frederick; and when the said subscriptions in the said books shall amount to the said respective numbers aforesaid, the same shall be closed; *Provided always*, that every person offering to subscribe in the said books, in his own name, or in the name of any other person, shall, upon subscribing, pay to the attending commissioners, one dollar for every share to be subscribed, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses attending the taking such subscription, and other incidental charges, and the remainder shall be deposited in such banks as shall be most convenient to the said commissioners, for the use of each respective corporation for which

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