

purchased; and upon a transfer of their shares, or any of them, to the said treasurer to be held by him in trust for the said State, he is hereby authorised and required to pay to the stockholders, respectively, who shall sell and transfer their stock as aforesaid, the amount due them for their stock in the certificates of debt of this State, to be issued by the commissioner of loans, to the amount required, for this purpose by the said treasurer, which certificates of loan shall bear an interest of 6 per centum per annum, and be redeemable in fifty years from the date thereof, and be issued in denominations not exceeding one hundred dollars each.

“Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That upon the acceptance of this act by the stockholders of the said company, in general stockholder meeting, and upon a certified copy of such acceptance being laid before the Governor by the commissioners or agents authorized to vote the State's stock in said meeting under their hands and seals, he is hereby authorized and requested to appoint five discreet and sensible persons, as commissioners, to examine into and adjust all claims existing against said company, and to annul, cancel and destroy, all or any contract or contracts, made or entered into by the said company, on such terms as may be practicable and expedient and most conducive to the interest of the State, and that after giving such notice of the time and place of meeting as they may deem expedient; the said commissioners being sworn faithfully and impartially and honestly, to discharge the duties imposed upon them by this act, shall proceed with all convenient dispatch to examine into, adjust and determine all claims against the said company, which may be laid before them, and their award in the premises, under their hands and seals, lodged with the Treasurer of the Western Shore, shall be final and conclusive, upon this State, the company, and the person or persons, who may have presented any claim or claims before them, or with whom the said company may have contracted, unless the same should be objected to within ten days from the date of said award, in which case the claimant aggrieved by said award, or State, in the name of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company, may prosecute an appeal to the next county court, of any county on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where it shall be taken up, de novo, and such proceeding had therein, by said court, either by trial by jury or otherwise, and such judgment rendered therein as may be just and proper in the opinion of the said court, and in any such case the Attorney General in person, or by deputy, shall appear and defend for said company, and the costs of said appeal shall abide the decision of the same.

“Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That all such claims as may be allowed by the said commissioners or said court or courts, upon appeal from the award of said commissioners against said company, shall be paid to the person entitled to receive the same, ten days after the production of the award, or a short copy of the record, by the Treasurer of the Western Shore of this State, in the certifi-