

ates of debt of this State, at the par value thereof, to be issued for that purpose by the commissioners of loans, on the requisition of said treasurer bearing an interest of six per centum per annum, and redeemable in fifty years from the dates thereof, which certificates shall be issued in denominations not exceeding one hundred dollars each.

“Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That in case of the death, resignation or refusal to act, or other disability, of any of the commissioners herein appointed, the Governor shall have power to fill any vacancy, and a majority of the commissioners for the time being, not less than three, shall be competent to exercise the power conferred by this act; and the Governor shall have power to fix the compensation of the said commissioners which shall be paid by the treasurer out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

“Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That the commissioners appointed in pursuance of this act shall have power to sell at public sale, or otherwise to convey and transfer, on such terms as they deem proper, or make such disposition of the property acquired by the said company, as they may deem expedient and most conducive to the interest of the State and the company, and the said commissioners shall pay the proceeds of such sale into the Treasury of the Western Shore.

“Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That said commissioners shall have power to summon witnesses to appear before them, to testify in relation to the matters referred to them as aforesaid, and examine the same on oath, and any person who shall fail to appear before the said commissioners, after being duly summoned, shall be liable to indictment in the county court where he resides, and to punishment by fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

“Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall have power to appoint a clerk and fix his compensation, and power, if they deem the interest of the State require it, to employ counsel to defend the same, and generally shall have all such powers as may be needful to execute the provisions of this act and ensure justice to the State, the company and the several persons interested in the matters submitted to them.

“Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That upon the acceptance of this act by the stockholders as aforesaid, all further prosecution of the said rail road shall cease during the pleasure of the Legislature; and the salaries of all the officers of the said company shall be discontinued, from and after the said period.

“Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That the Governor be requested to cause a copy of this act to be sent to each of the agents or commissioners, to vote the stock of the State, in the several internal improvement companies, and the said agents or commissioners be and they are hereby instructed to lay the same before the stockholders of said company in general meeting, for that purpose to be called, and advocate and vote for the acceptance of this act, and when so accepted this act shall be taken and considered