

ized to subscribe. 7. Any number of stockholders, not less than sixty, who together shall be proprietors of 200 shares or upwards, shall have power at any time to call a general meeting of the stockholders for the purposes relative to the institution, giving at least ten weeks notice in two public gazettes of Baltimore town, and specifying in such notice the object or objects of such meeting. 8. Any person, co-partnership, or body politic, failing to pay any instalment, or part thereof, to the directors, at the periods prescribed by this act, shall lose the benefit of any dividend which may have accrued prior to the time for the making of such payment, and during the delay of the same. 9. Every cashier or treasurer, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall be required to give bond, with two or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the directors, in a sum not less than 50,000 dollars, with condition for his good behaviour. 10. The lands, tenements, and hereditaments which it shall be lawful for the said corporation to hold, shall be only such as shall be requisite for its immediate accommodation in relation to the convenient transacting of its business, and such as shall have been *bona fide* mortgaged to it by way of security, or conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in the course of its dealings, or purchased at sales upon judgments which shall have been obtained for such debts. 11. The corporation shall not, directly or indirectly, (except as hereafter specified) deal or trade in any thing except bills of exchange, promissory notes, gold or silver bullion, or in the sale of goods which shall be the produce of its lands, neither shall the said corporation take more than at the rate of six per centum *per annum* for or upon its loans or discounts. 12. No loan shall be made by the said corporation for the use or on account of this state, or the United States, or of any particular state, to an amount exceeding 50,000 dollars, or to any foreign prince or state whatever, without the previous consent of the legislature. 13. The stock of the said corporation shall be assignable and transferrable according to such rules as shall be instituted in that behalf by the laws and ordinances of the same. 14. The bills obligatory and of credit, under the seal of the said corporation, which shall be made to any person or persons, shall be assignable by endorsement thereupon, under the hand or hands of such person or persons, and of his, her, or their assignee or assignees successively, and shall enable such assignee or assignees to bring and maintain an action thereupon in his, her, or their own name or names; and signed by the president, and countersigned by the principal cashier or treasurer thereof, promising the payment of money to any person or persons, his, her, or their order, or to bearer, though not under the seal of the said corporation, shall be binding and obligatory upon the same, in the like manner, and with the like force and effect, as upon any private person or persons, if issued by him or them in his, her, or their private or natural capacity or capacities, and shall be assignable and negotiable in like manner as if they were so issued by such private person or persons; that is to say, those which shall be payable to any person or persons, his, her, or their