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the said clerks, and seal of their office, or either of them, shall in all cases be sufficient evidence of such subscription.

A meeting  
may be call-  
ed, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That as soon as five hundred shares shall be subscribed, the persons hereby empowered to take in subscriptions, or any eight of them, may call a meeting of the subscribers, at the city of Washington, after not less than four successive weeks notice in the Baltimore-town, George-town, Easton and Annapolis news-papers; and the subscribers assembled in consequence of such notice shall choose, by ballot, from among the subscribers, by a majority of the votes of such as shall be present, in person or by proxy, twelve directors, for the term of one year thereafter, and on the same day annually, for ever thereafter, a like election shall be made; and in case of refusal, death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the state, of any director, the remaining directors, at their meeting thereafter, shall elect, by ballot, another person qualified as aforesaid in his place, for the residue of the year; the directors, or any seven of them, shall, at their first meeting after every general election, elect, by a majority of the members present, by ballot, from among the stockholders, a president, who shall, whether a director or not, be thereupon entitled to all the powers and privileges of one, and if he was before a director, another director shall be elected as aforesaid, so as to keep up the number of directors prescribed by this act, exclusive of the president; and in case of refusal, death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the state, of the president, the directors shall meet, as soon as conveniently can be thereafter, and elect another person for president in the manner before directed.

Stockholders  
incorporated,  
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That the stockholders in the said company shall be and they are hereby incorporated, and constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of The President, Directors and Company, of the Washington Turnpike Road, and by the same name shall have succession during the continuance of this incorporation; and the said stockholders, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, may sue and be sued, answer and be answered, in any court of law or equity in this state, and may do and execute every other matter and thing by the name aforesaid that they are authorized to do in virtue of this act, and shall have power to make a seal, and alter, or break and renew the same; according to their will and pleasure.

Directors to  
receive sub-  
scriptions,  
&c.

IV. And be it enacted, That after the said directors shall be appointed, they shall have full power and authority to receive subscriptions for all unsubscribed or vacant shares, and thereupon the powers heretofore vested in the managers for taking subscriptions shall cease; and that there be a meeting of the directors quarterly, for the purpose of regulating the affairs of the corporation, any seven of whom to make a board, and that the board have power to adjourn from time to time; and the president, or any three of the directors, may call a special meeting at any other time they may think necessary.

President, &c.  
to appoint  
commission-  
ers, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the president and directors be and are hereby authorized to appoint five commissioners, neither of whom shall be an inhabitant of Anne-Arundel, Baltimore or Prince-George's counties, or directly or indirectly interested in any of the lands through which the said road may or shall pass; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall lay out and mark a public road from the city of Washington to Baltimore-town, on as straight a line as the nature of the country, and public convenience, will admit; provided that the said road shall not be carried through any building, garden, yard, or bearing apple orchard, without the consent of the owner and possessor thereof.

Who are to  
take an oath,  
&c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, before they proceed to the execution of the powers vested in them by this act, shall take the following oath, or affirmation: "I, A. B. appointed a commissioner, to lay out and mark  
" a public road from the city of Washington to Baltimore-town, will lay out  
" and mark the same according to the best of my skill and judgment, and ac-  
" cording to the directions of an act of assembly, entitled, An act to lay out and  
" establish