

Passed January 20.

An ACT to lay out and establish a turnpike road from the city of Baltimore through Frederick-town, in Frederick county, to Elizabeth-town and Williams-Port, in Washington county.

A subscription to be opened, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a subscription be opened for a capital of five hundred thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, and that Luke Tiernan, Peter Hoffinan, senior, and Hezekiah Claggett, be and they are hereby appointed managers for taking subscriptions for three thousand shares at the city of Baltimore; and that Philip Thomas, George Murdock and William Murdock Beall, be and they are hereby appointed managers for taking subscriptions for one thousand shares at Frederick-town, in Frederick county; and that Rezin Davis, Nathaniel Rochester and Elie Williams, be and they are hereby appointed managers for taking subscriptions for one thousand shares at Elizabeth-town, in Washington county; and that the said subscriptions shall be opened on the second Monday in March next, of which six weeks previous and successive notice shall be given in the city of Baltimore, Frederick-town, Elizabeth-town, Easton and Annapolis news-papers; at which respective times and places one or more of the said managers shall attend, and the subscription books shall be continued open until the capital aforesaid shall be subscribed, and on the completion thereof, a just and true list of all the subscribers, with the shares subscribed by each, shall be made out and returned by the said managers, under their hands, to the clerks of Baltimore, Frederick and Washington county courts, who are hereby severally authorized and directed to record the same among the land records of their respective counties; and an attested copy of such records, and seal of their office, or either of them, shall in all cases be sufficient evidence of such subscription.

A meeting may be called, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That as soon as three thousand shares shall be subscribed, the persons hereby empowered to take in subscriptions, or a majority of them, may call a meeting of the subscribers at the city of Baltimore, after not less than six successive weeks notice in the city of Baltimore, Frederick-town, Elizabeth-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 the 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 politic, by the name of The President, Directors and Company, of the Elizabeth 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, or elsewhere, 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.