

intents and purposes, to be members of the company, and shall be entitled to all the rights, benefits and advantages to arise in any manner therefrom; or from the property, works and capital stock thereof, in proportion to the amount of their stock and interest respectively; *Provided*, That no transfer or assignments of the said capital stock shall be valid, unless it be made on the books of the company, and in such manner as the president and directors, or a majority of them shall appoint; and every person or persons having so transferred or assigned the whole of his, her or their interest and stock in the said company, shall thereafter cease to be a member or members of the said company, to all intents and purposes.

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be deemed members of said company, and shall be entitled to all the rights, benefits and advantages arising therefrom, under a certain provision.

14. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president and each director, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall take the following oath or affirmation, (as the case may be :) "I do solemnly swear or affirm, that I will impartially, faithfully, diligently and honestly execute the duties of _____ conformably to the provisions of this act, and the trusts reposed in me, to the best of my skill and judgment;" and the clerks, book keepers and other officers shall also take a similar oath or affirmation, and shall besides, give bond with security to the satisfaction of the president and directors, for the faithful discharge of their duties in their respective stations.

President and directors' oath. Clerks, book-keepers, &c. shall also take an oath, and give bonds.

CHAPTER 144.

An act for the benefit of James Hope, William Cariens, junior, and Robert Cariens, devisees of Thomas McGettegen, late of Harford county, deceased.

Passed Jan. 4, 1812.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that Thomas McGettegen, late of Harford county, died seized of and entitled to an estate in fee-simple; that the said Thomas McGettegen did, on the fifteenth day of June eighteen hundred and eleven, make his last will and testament in writing duly executed; wherein and whereby, he devised to James Hope, William Cariens, junior, and Robert Cariens, certain land therein specified; by which devise he meant to pass a fee-simple estate to the said James Hope, William Cariens, junior, and Robert Cariens; but from the inaccuracy of the expression in said will, it is apprehended that the same only gives a life estate to said James Hope, William Cariens, junior, and

Preamble: