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hundred thousand dollars aforesaid shall have been subscribed for, then the said subscriptions shall be reduced to that sum by the commissioners at Shepherd's-town aforesaid, in the manner following; that is to say, from the subscriptions highest in amount shall be subtracted a share or shares, until the same shall be made equal to the subscriptions next highest in amount, and as often as the case shall require it, they shall so proceed to subtract a share or shares from the subscription or subscriptions remaining, from time to time, highest in amount, until the aggregate of all the subscriptions be reduced to the one hundred thousand dollars aforesaid.

Subscriptions taken after day appointed for opening books, to be binding.

4. *And be it enacted,* That any subscriptions for stock taken by any one of the commissioners aforesaid, or by any person duly authorised by the president and directors of the company aforesaid, at any time after the day appointed for opening the books aforesaid, shall be as binding and obligatory as if the subscriptions had been made at the time the books were first opened.

Quorum to transact business—President pro tem.—Vacancies.

5. *And be it enacted,* That the president, and any four directors, or in the absence of the president any five directors, shall constitute a quorum to do business; and in the absence of the president, the directors forming a quorum as aforesaid, shall choose one of their own body to act as president *pro tempore*; and in case of the death, resignation, or inability to act, of the president or any directors, the vacancy shall be supplied by their own body from among the stockholders, citizens of Maryland or Virginia, until the next stated election.

General meeting of stockholders to be annually holden to choose directors.

6. *And be it enacted,* That a general meeting of the stockholders shall annually be holden in Shepherd's-town aforesaid, on the first Monday in September, when nine directors shall be chosen in the manner aforesaid, to conduct and manage the affairs of said company until the then next election; and in case a majority of the stock subscribed for, should not be represented on said day; or at the first meeting of the stockholders aforesaid, either by stockholders in person, or by proxy duly authorised, those stockholders who do attend in person or by proxy, may adjourn said meeting from day to day until a majority as aforesaid shall attend.

President and directors to fix on site for bridge, and contract for building, &c.

7. *And be it enacted,* That the president and directors aforesaid, shall have power to locate and fix on the site for said bridge, and to contract for building the same, and to employ all necessary workmen and labourers about the same, and also to contract with the proprietor or proprietors of the land on the Maryland shore, against which the said bridge shall be proposed to be abutted, for the privilege of said abutment, and if the said president and directors should not be able to agree with said proprietor or proprietors upon the price for said privilege of an abutment, then the said president and directors shall apply to the court of Washington county, Maryland, whose duty it shall be to appoint nine disinterested and respectable citizens of Washington county aforesaid, who being first sworn, shall view the lands so proposed for said abutment, and fairly and impartially, to the best of their judgment, fix upon and ascertain the sum which the said proprietor or proprietors ought to have and receive for the privileges of said abutment, taking all circumstances into consideration; and provided the proprietor or proprietors of the property aforesaid, or the president and directors of the bridge company aforesaid, should not be