

18. *And be it enacted,* That dividends of the profits of the company shall be made at the end of the first years and half yearly thereafter; and at the end of every three years a dividend shall be made of surplus profits, which dividend shall be payable to the stockholders at the bank.

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Dividends.

19. *And be it enacted,* That the books, papers, correspondence, funds, and every transaction of the company, shall at all times be freely open to the inspection of the directors, a majority of whom, or any number of stockholders not less than thirty, and holding not less than three hundred shares, may at any time call a general meeting of the stockholders for objects relative to the interest of the company, and giving not less than two months notice thereof in the newspaper in the county, and in some public print in the town of Winchester, Virginia.

Books, papers, &c. to be open to inspection of directors, a majority of whom may call a general meeting of stockholders.

20. *And be it enacted,* That before the president and directors shall act as such, they shall take an oath, or affirmation, that they will faithfully, diligently and honestly, perform the duties of their stations; and the cashier, book keeper and clerks, shall also take a similar oath, or affirmation, and shall besides give bonds to the said corporation, with security to the satisfaction of the board of directors, for the faithful discharge of their duties in their several stations.

President, cashier &c. to take an oath, &c.

21. *And be it enacted,* That all notes offered for discount by any person or persons, shall on the face thereof, be made negotiable at the North and South Branch Bank of Potomac, at Old Town, Allegany county; and when the drawer shall not reside in the town of Old Town, such note shall be made payable at the house of some person in the town aforesaid, and notice given by the proper servant of the bank at said house, that such note hath become due, shall be to all intents and purposes held and considered to be as completely binding on the drawer and endorsers as if notice had been personally served on each of them.

Notes offered for discount to be made negotiable at bank—when drawer does not reside in town at the house of some person therein.

22. *And be it enacted,* That any director, officer, or other person holding any share or capital of the said bank stock, who shall commit any fraud or embezzlement touching the money or property of the bank, shall be liable to be prosecuted in the name of the state, by indictment for the same, in any court of law in this state; and upon conviction thereof, shall besides the remedy that may be had by action in the name of the president and directors of the North and South Branch Bank of Potomac, at Old Town, Allegany county, for the fraud aforesaid, forfeit all his share or stock in the said bank to the company.

Persons holding any share who shall commit any fraud or embezzlement, to be prosecuted.

23. *And be it enacted,* That all persons who shall become subscribers to the said bank, their successors and assigns, shall be and they are hereby made a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of The President and Directors of the North and South Branch Bank of Potomac, at Old Town, Allegany county, and by that name, shall be, and are hereby made able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in any court of record or any other place whatsoever; and also to make, have and use, a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure; and to make, issue and negotiate notes, and generally to do and execute all such

Subscribers incorporated.