

CHAP. 248. company, having for its object the insuring of a speedy and safe conveyance of the various products of the farmer to a market, thereby enabling the citizens of our towns to purchase directly from the producer, and at the same time enabling the producer to choose his market, would greatly benefit the agricultural interests of a large portion of the State, situated on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, enhance the value of the property thereof, and thereby increase the revenue of the State, giving to our citizens all those advantages which the creation of similar companies in our sister States, to the north and east, have already secured to their agriculturalists, and where theory has been followed by solid practical results, and for which that part of this State situated on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay are peculiarly adapted; and whereas, it is represented to the General Assembly of Maryland, that John Cozier, Robert H. Thomas, Benjamin S. Foulks, James L. Craig, George W. Bennett, Henry Kibler, George S. Bryan, Benjamin Craig, and others, agriculturalists, are willing to establish a company to promote this object—therefore,

• Incorporated.

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That George W. Bennett, Robert H. Thomas, James L. Craig, Benjamin S. Foulks, Henry S. Kibler, George S. Bryan and Benjamin Craig, and all and every person or persons who may become subscribers, according to the mode hereinafter prescribed, their successors and assigns, shall be and they are hereby incorporated, by the name of the Farmer's Steam Accommodation Line, for the purposes and with the privileges and immunities herein described, defined and granted, and by that name shall be a body politic and incorporate, in fact and in law, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of justice and elsewhere, and the said company shall have power and authority, at any time after the passage of this act, to purchase, build, charter, receive in donation, possess and enjoy, retain, demise, grant, lease, alien and sell, under the restrictions and limitations hereinafter mentioned, such boats propelled by steam and others, wharves, warehouses for agencies and for shipping merchandise, grain and other agricultural products, and all such rights, goods, chattels and effects, necessary or useful for the construction, erection and carrying on the freighting business; and the said company shall have perpetual succession, and power to make and use a common seal, the same to change and renew at pleasure, and to adopt and carry into execution

Have a common seal.

such laws directors, government the same provided, laws of th

SEC. 2. said com twenty-five shall have ital stock for the action; pro thousand

SEC. 3. capital st the direct Henry K James L. of Cecil o George Coey an or a major such time at least te pers prin Chestert they deer the time the same, or them s

SEC. 4. the busin ed in mn shall be s citizens o a quorum board of ner, viz; tained th taken, th ers, by g lished in and Che them for hold the