

pay to the several persons who shall be insured by the said company for all losses which they may sustain in their houses or buildings, or property contained therein as aforesaid, by fire according to the terms of the policy of insurance, and as far only as the amount of the capital stock of the said company, and the value insured in the said policy, shall extend, excepting average losses by fire, not exceeding 5l. in value in 100l. value of the said house; houses or buildings, or property contained therein as aforesaid, which they shall not be answerable for; provided always, that no stockholder, subscriber or member of the said company, shall be answerable for any losses which may be sustained by fire or otherwise, for any more or larger sum or sums of money whatsoever but to the amount of the stock or share, which shall appear by the books of the said company to belong to him or them at the time such loss shall be sustained as aforesaid.—*ibid.* § 11.

11. Yearly dividends shall be made of so much of the profits of the company as shall appear to the directors adviseable; and once in every three years the directors shall lay before the stockholders, at a general meeting, for their information, an exact and particular statement of the debts, and of the surplus of profit, if any, after deducting losses and dividends.—*ibid.* § 12.

12. The party failing to comply with his subscription, shall lose the benefit of any dividend which may have accrued prior to the time for making such payment, and during the delay of the same.—*ibid.* § 13.

13. In case any promissory note or notes for any sum or sums of money, shall be given or transferred to the said corporation for any premium or premiums on any insurance or insurances made by them, the said corporation shall proceed against the person or persons so indebted, for the recovery of the same, in the same manner and form as directed to be done against persons indebted to the bank of Maryland under an act, entitled, An act to establish a bank in Baltimore town.—*ibid.* § 14. See *Bank of Maryland*, art. 12.

14. It shall be lawful for the said company, from time to time, to increase their capital stock by the addition of as many whole shares as shall be judged necessary by the said company, or a majority of them, holding at least 100 shares, present at any general meeting for that purpose, and the members for the time being shall have the preference for the first 30 days after the determination to increase the capital as aforesaid; and all proprietors of such additional shares shall be thenceforward incorporated, and entitled to every benefit and privilege of the original subscribers.—*ibid.* § 15.

15. The president and trustees, so soon as they judge it convenient and proper, may purchase out of the profits of the said company, a lot
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