

port, take and carry property and persons upon the same by the power and force of steam or of animals, or by any mechanical or other power or by any combination of such power.

*XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the said Corporation shall not within two years from the passage of this act commence the construction of said Rail Road, and shall not within ten years from the passing of this Act construct, finish and put in operation the whole of the said Rail Road; then on failure of the Company to construct the said Rail Road within the ten years time above mentioned, the rights and privileges of the said Corporation under this Act shall be null and void as to such parts of the said Rail Road as are not finished within the time limited by this Act, and to them only.

*XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever four thousand shares of the aforesaid Stock shall have been subscribed, if within two years after the passing of this Act the Commissioners first herein mentioned shall call a general meeting of the Stockholders at such time and place as they may appoint by giving thirty days public notice of such meeting, and at such meeting the Commissioners shall lay the subscription book before the subscribers then and there present, and thereupon the Subscribers or Stockholders who shall attend either in their own proper persons or by proxy, or a majority of them shall elect nine Directors by ballot, and the nine persons who shall have the greatest number of votes at any election, shall be Directors; and if it shall happen at any election that two or more have an equal number of votes in such manner that a greater number than nine shall by a plurality of votes appear to be chosen Directors, then the Stockholders herein before authorised to hold such election shall proceed to elect by ballot until it is determined which of the said persons so having an equal number of votes shall be Director or Directors so as to complete the whole number of nine; and the said Directors so chosen, so soon as may be after the said election shall proceed in like manner to elect by ballot one of their number to be President; a majority of whom shall be competent to manage the affairs