

ration, and shall commence the operations of the said Bank, subject nevertheless to the rules and regulations hereinafter made and provided; at which general meeting the members and stockholders of the said Corporation, or the major part of them, shall determine the amount of payments to be made on each share, also the mode of transferring and disposing of the stock and profits thereof, which being entered on the books of the said Corporation, shall be binding on the said stockholders, their successors and assigns.

6. There shall be a general meeting of the stockholders and members of the said Corporation to be annually holden on the first Monday in May in each and every year, at Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, at which annual meeting there shall be chosen by a majority of the said stockholders and members of the said Corporation, five Directors, each of whom shall be a resident of the said County, and continue in office for one year or until others are chosen in their room; in the choice of which Directors the stockholders and members of the said Corporation shall vote according to the rules hereinafter mentioned, and the Directors when chosen shall at their first meeting after their election, choose out of their number a President.

7. The Directors for the time being shall have power to appoint such officers, clerks, and servants, as they, or the major part of them, shall think necessary for executing the business of the said Corporation, and shall allow them such compensation for their respective services as to them shall appear reasonable and proper; all which, together with the expense of buildings, house rent, and all other contingencies, shall be defrayed out of the funds of the Corporation; and the said Directors shall likewise exercise such other powers and authority for the well regulating the affairs of the said Corporation as shall be prescribed by the byc laws and regulations of the same.

8. Not less than three Directors shall constitute a Board for the transaction of business, of which the President shall always be one, except in the case of sickness or necessary absence, in which case the Directors present may choose one of their Board as Chairman in his stead; the President shall vote at the Board as a Director, and in case of there being an equal