

heirs and successors, but also for and on behalf of those whom they represent, whether infants, issue unborn, lunatics, idiots, *femes covert*, or other person or persons who are or shall be seized, possessed of or interested in any lands or grounds which shall be so set out and ascertained as aforesaid, or any part thereof, to contract for, sell and convey unto the said Company of Proprietors, their successors or assigns, all or any part of such lands or grounds which shall from time to time be set out and ascertained as aforesaid; and that all contracts, agreements, sales, conveyances and assurances so to be made, shall be valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any law, statute, usage or custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; and all bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, or communities, and all persons whatsoever, so conveying as aforesaid are hereby indemnified for what he, she, or they, or any of them shall respectively do by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act; and that all such contracts, agreements, sales, conveyances and assurances, or notarial copies thereof, shall, at the expense of the said Company of Proprietors and their successors, be deposited in the office of the Prothonotaries as aforesaid, and true copies thereof shall be allowed to be good evidence in all Courts whatsoever.

Conveyances to the Company to be deposited in the Prothonotary's Office.

XI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That any body politic, community, corporation, or other person or persons whomsoever, who cannot in common course of law sell or alienate any lands or grounds so set out and ascertained, shall agree upon a fixed annual rent as an equivalent, and not upon a principal sum, to be paid for the lands or grounds so set out and ascertained as necessary for making the said Rail-road, and other the purposes and conveniencies relative thereto and connected therewith; and in case the amount of such rent shall not be fixed by voluntary agreement or compromise, or by arbitration between the parties, it shall be fixed by a Jury convened and qualified in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and all proceedings and litigations in Court, shall in that case be regulated as is hereinafter prescribed; and for the payment of the said annual rent, and every other annual rent agreed upon or ascertained for the purchase of any lands or grounds, the said Rail-road and the tolls to be levied and collected thereon shall be, and are hereby made liable and chargeable, in preference to all other claims or demands thereon whatsoever.

Where no power is vested in any body corporate to sell—a fixed annual rent to be established.

XII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to apply to the several owners of the estates, lands and grounds through which such Rail-road is intended to be carried, and to agree with such owners

The Company to apply to the owners of the lands through which the Rail-road is to be car-