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than the amount of Stock for which he or they shall have respectively subscribed his or their names, except in respect of any contract or contracts of assurance made or entered into before the said Corporation commence operations under the provisions of this Act.

VIII. And be it enacted, that nothing herein contained shall affect, or be construed to affect, in any manner or way, the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any body politic or corporate, such only excepted as are herein mentioned. Preservation of the rights of Crown.

IX. And be it enacted, that this Act shall be deemed a public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other persons whomsoever, without being specially pleaded. To be a public Act.