

demand, according to the terms agreed upon by the parties by written contract at the time the same was created, under the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, entitled "An act for the benefit of the incorporated banks of Kentucky," approved March 1871.

§ 11. Said corporation may receive on deposit **Receive deposits** silver, bank notes or other currency, and shall be permitted to deal in the same; also in bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other evidences of debt, and in personal and other securities therefor, and discount the latter as may be agreed upon in all respects which natural persons may do; and the promissory notes made negotiable and payable at its banking house at any bank, which may be discounted by it, and all land bills which may be discounted by it, shall be, and they are hereby, put upon the same footing as foreign bills of exchange, and like remedy shall be had thereon, jointly or severally, against drawers and indorsers.

§ 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from its passage.

Approved March 25, 1871.

CHAPTER 794.

AN ACT to incorporate the Bedford Loan and Deposit Bank.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

§ 1. That W. F. Peak, W. R. Logan, J. A. Trout, Jas. W. Bell, Dr. Chau. Yager, Van R. Mullikin, S. Wright and W. R. Morgan, and their successors and assigns, are hereby created a body-politic and corporate, by the name of the Bedford Loan and Deposit Bank, with power in that name to contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and

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impleaded, answer and defend, in all courts whatever; and to have and use a common seal, and to change the same at pleasure; and to make all necessary rules, regulations and by-laws for its government and management of its business not inconsistent with the laws of the State and United States.

§ 2. That said bank shall have power to transact a Transact business. general banking and financial business; to loan and advance money, discount promissory notes, buy and sell exchange, stocks, and all kinds of mercantile securities: promissory notes made negotiable and payable at the said bank, or any other bank doing business in this State, or any national bank, or at the office of any licensed broker, and all inland bills which may be discounted or purchased prior to maturity by said company, shall be, and they are hereby, put upon the footing of foreign bills of exchange, and like remedy may be had thereon, jointly or severally, against the makers, drawers, indorsers, or other parties thereto.

§ 3. The said bank shall have power to make ad-Power. vances on securities of every kind, and upon any and all products of the country, and any and all manufactured articles; and it may receive stocks, bonds and all other thing or things, or any part thereof, upon which it shall have loaned or advanced money, in pledge for the security thereof; and the provision of an act, entitled "An act for the benefit of the incorporated banks of Kentucky," approved March 16, 1871, so far as the same authorizes the disposition of such pledges or securities, are made parts hereof as fully as if written and printed herein. It may receive deposits of gold, silver, bank notes, United States Treasury notes, and all other currency, and pay the same in kind or as may be agreed upon by general or special contract; and may allow interest on deposits not to exceed the rate allowed by the laws of Kentucky; it may issue letters of credit payable throughout the United States and elsewhere, but it shall not issue bills to circulate as money.

Capital stock.

§ 4. The capital stock of said bank shall be (000) ten thousand dollars, with the rights and privilege of increasing same to fifty thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of fifty dollars. The shares or stock shall be personal property, transferable on the books of the bank according to its by-laws. Each share of stock shall entitle the holder to one vote, which may be in person or by written proxy, at all elections and all meetings of stockholders.

§ 5. The persons named in the first section of this act shall act as commissioners to receive subscriptions for stock, and when as much as five thousand dollars shall have been paid in cash, the said corporation may proceed to business.

§ 6. The persons named in the first section of this act shall be the first board of directors, and shall organize by choosing one of their number president; and if any of said persons shall fail or refuse to qualify or act, his or their places may be treated as vacant, and the vacancy or vacancies may be filled by the remainder; and all vacancies occurring at any time may be filled by the remaining members of the board of directors. An election for directors shall be held once in each year, from and after the expiration of one year after the organization, at the office of the bank in Bedford, notice of which shall be given through the post-office to each stockholder, at least ten days' prior to the day of election, or by notice printed in some paper of general circulation published in the county. The board of directors shall be composed of five (5) stockholders, and they shall hold their office until their successors shall be elected and qualified; and the president shall be elected by said board and be one of the directors. The election of directors shall be held by three stockholders, two of whom shall certify the result, and said certificate shall be recorded in a book of the company.

§ 7. The said bank may acquire, hold, possess, use,

occupy and enjoy all real and personal property, goods, chattels and other things necessary for the transaction of its business, or which may be conveyed to it as security for any debt, loan or advance, or purchased by it in satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any debt, judgment or decree, and sell and convey, or otherwise dispose thereof, as a natural person.

§ 8. The number of directors and officers may be increased or diminished at the pleasure and by a majority vote of the stockholders.

§ 9. No stock or certificate of stock shall be issued until fully paid for; but any subscriber may demand and receive stock in proportion to the amount he shall have paid upon his or her subscription: *Provided*, Said payment or payments shall have amounted to as much as fifty dollars; but no stock or certificate shall be issued for a less sum than fifty dollars.

§ 10. Said bank may receive deposits from minors and married women, and the checks of said minors and married women, or their receipts for same, shall be valid and binding.

§ 11. The directors may, by a vote of a majority of the board at any time, remove any cashier, teller, clerk or other officer or employe; and each and every officer and employe shall be held and taken to enter, and have entered upon his duties, subject to the provisions hereof in regard to his or her removal, as fully as if the same had been reduced to writing, and by him or her signed, acknowledged and delivered.

§ 12. The president and directors may appoint all necessary agents, officers and servants, fix their compensation, and take bond or bonds as security for the faithful performance of their duties, and may, from time to time, maintain, in any court having jurisdiction, suit or suits thereon for breaches of the covenants thereof.

§ 13. The private property of the stockholders shall

be exempt from the corporate debts, and no stockholder shall be liable for corporate debts in excess of the amount of his or her unpaid subscriptions on the total stock.

§ 14. The president of said bank shall have power by and with the consent of a majority of the board of directors entered on the books of said bank to convey by deed any real estate that may be purchased under section 6 of this charter.

§ 15. This charter shall continue in force for ten years, unless sooner dissolved by a majority of the stockholders.

§ 16. The shares of stock subscribed shall be paid for in from time to time, and in such installments as may be required by the president and board of directors.

§ 17. The directors may declare annual or semi-annual dividends of the profits arising from the business of said bank.

§ 18. The said bank shall not hold any real estate conveyed to it as security for, or in payment of, any judgment, decree or debt due to it, for a longer period than five years; but the period or time such real estate may be in litigation shall not be computed in such case as five years.

§ 19. Any stockholder, or any person or committee appointed by the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky, or any person authorized by the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky, shall, at all reasonable times, be permitted to examine the books of said bank.

§ 20. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved March 26, 1870.