

Sec 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly That John A Gay, Adam L Mills, Martin Stearns and Nathan Farnsworth and their successors and assigns shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name and style of "The Belleville and Mississippi Rail Road Company" and shall continue for the term of forty years from and after the passage of this act. Provided that the State of Illinois or the County of St Clair shall have the privilege at the expiration of the period aforesaid of purchasing the Rail Way and other property authorized by this act to be held by the Company, at the cost thereof, and "centum" per annum interest thereon.

Sec 2. The Corporation shall have the right and power to construct, and during its existence to maintain, and continue a single or double rail road or way, or a single or double track way with such appendages, and appurtenances, as may be necessary for the convenient use of the same; from the ^{East side of the public square in the} town of Belleville in St Clair County to the bank of the Mississippi River, at or near the town of Illinois in the county of St Clair; with the privilege of extending it along the foot of the hills, or bluffs on the eastern edge of the American Bottom, to the distance of six miles on each side of the point or place where the road from the River aforesaid shall reach the bluffs; to transport lake and carry persons and property on the same, by the power and

force of steam, of animals, or any mechanical or other power, or by a combination of them, as said company shall choose to employ, and by their name aforesaid, they are vested with the right and power of erecting, building or making a single or double Rail road or single or double trackway, for the purpose of using the same, in the manner herein after provided.

Sec 3. If the said Corporation hereby created shall not within two years from the passage of this act commence the construction of said road or way, or expend at least the sum of ten thousand dollars thereon and shall not within five years from passage of this act, construct, finish and put in operation the said single or double rail road or way, or trackway from the river aforesaid to Bellville, then the said Corporation shall forever cease and this act shall be null and void.

Sec 4. The Capital stock of said Company shall be two hundred thousand dollars, with power to increase the same to three hundred thousand dollars, to be held in the first instance as follows: John H Gay and Adam L Mills three twentys, Martin Thomas and Nathan Farnsworth twelve twentys, and such bona fide citizens of St Clair as shall, on or before the tenth day of February 1836 subscribe for the same, ^{remainings} five twentys of the Capital aforesaid. Provided that should the entire fourth part of the said stock remain unsubscribed for, it shall be allotted to the said Martin Thomas and Nathan Farnsworth.

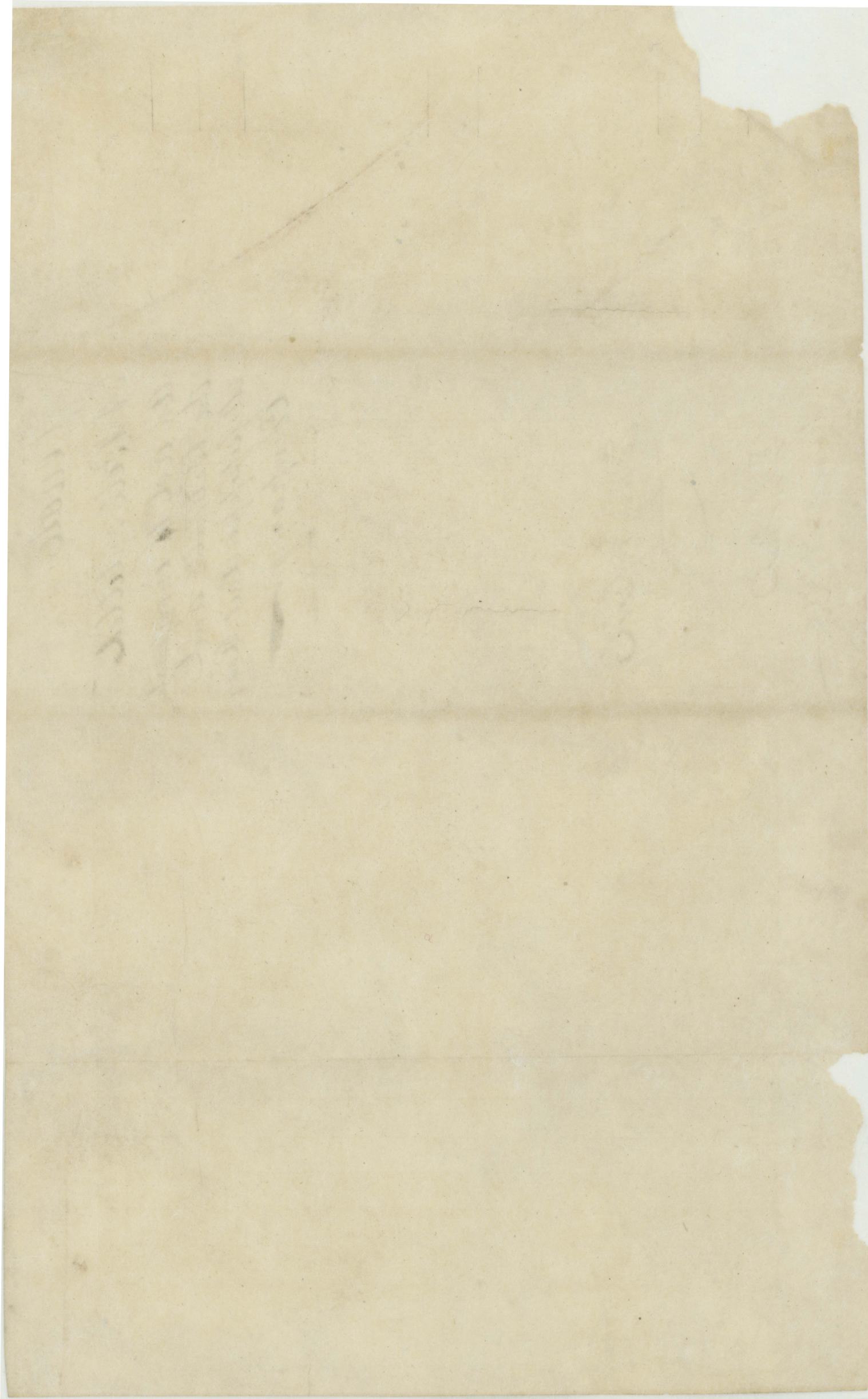
a copy of the same with the President of the Board of Directors or the Secretary of the company, or in case of absence from the count of St. Clair, to leave a copy of the same in the office thereof.

Sec 18. The company aforesaid shall have power to make all the regulations and By laws requisite for the transaction of all business appertaining to their affairs. Provided such By laws and regulations are not in contravention of the provisions of this act nor of the laws or Constitution of the United States, nor of the State of Illinois. The corporation aforesaid shall have power to negotiate for a loan or loans in aid of the purposes provided for in this act, to pledge their Capital Stock, or other property, for the security thereof: Provided that said loans do not exceed the amount of said Capital Stock.

Sec 19. The Rail Road as aforesaid shall be commenced at the town of Belleville and may also be commenced at the Mississippi River and made towards the centre of the route. A violation of any of the provisions of this Charter shall forfeit the same to be determined in due course of law. The Books provided to be opened by the fourth section of this act shall be under the charge of William Kinney Esq. James Mitchell Esq. Joseph Greene, Charles Sergeant, and Thomas Kimbro of St. Clair County, who shall receive all subscriptions offered by bonafide

Male citizens of the county of Little River of lawful
age: Provided that should a greater number
than five hundred shares be subscribed as afore-
said, the said commissioners shall reduce the
number to be allotted to each subscriber so
and less than one share shall be appointed to
each. Provided also, that if a greater number
of shares is subscribed for by a less number
of persons than five hundred, then the said com-
missioners shall reduce the shares pro rata.

Passed the Anst.
23^d December 1835
Geo^d White Secretary



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Senate

A Bill entitled
An act to incorporate
the Belleville and
Mississippi River Road
Company

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Recd. 28th / 1835