

## CHARTER.

OF THE  
Baton Rouge & Clinton Plank Road Co.

We the undersigned agree to form ourselves into a corporation, under the laws of the State of Louisiana, as particularly set forth in an act entitled "An act for the organization of corporations for works of public improvement and utility," a copy of which is hereto annexed, for the purpose of constructing a Plank Road from the city of Baton Rouge, in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, to the town of Clinton, in the Parish of East Feliciana, and from thence along the most eligible route to a point that will connect the town of Liberty in Amite Co., State of Mississippi, and for that purpose we have formed the annexed charter, and have signed the same, and have added to our signature a statement of the number of shares and the amount of our subscriptions to said Company.

### CHARTER OF THE COMPANY.

1st. The said corporation shall be called the "Baton Rouge and Clinton Plank Road Company," and its domicile is fixed in the city of Baton Rouge.

2nd. The said corporation is established for the purpose of constructing, working, and maintaining a plank road from Baton Rouge to Clinton Louisiana, and from thence hereafter to be continued to Liberty in Amite County, State of Mississippi, should a company be formed in Amite County to connect at the State line.

3rd. The capital stock of the Company is fixed at One Hundred Thousand Dollars, divided into four thousand shares at twenty-five dollars each. A payment of five per cent on the amount of each share shall be made, within thirty days after the election of the first Board of Directors. The subsequent payment shall be made in such sums and at such periods as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. Provided "That no call shall be made, for a greater amount than ten per cent, at one time, and that sixty days notice of each call shall be given, by publication in one newspaper published in Baton Rouge which shall be known to the stockholders as the official paper of the Company, and in one newspaper published at Clinton.

4th. The said corporation, shall go into operation and be organized, so soon as shares of stock to the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars shall have been subscribed.

5th. The business of the corporation shall be conducted at its domicile, in the city of Baton Rouge by a Board composed of seven Directors, who shall be stockholders. The Directors shall elect one of their body as President of the Company, at their first meeting after their election. A quorum to transact business shall consist of at least three members and the President, or any four members of the Board. At all elections by the stockholders, and at all their meetings each share shall be entitled to one vote. Votes may be given in person or by proxy. The President of the Company is the officer designated as the one on whom legal service of all process or citation against the Company may be made, and the company agree to be bound, by service of process or citation, whether made on the President in person, or to his address, at the office of the company in the hands of any of its officers.

6th. The first Board of Directors shall be chosen as soon as the list of subscription shall be closed. This election shall be held at Baton Rouge under the superintendence of the commissioners hereafter designated and appointed to receive subscriptions.—All subsequent elections shall be held at Baton Rouge under the superintendence of three commissioners appointed from amongst the stockholders by the Board of Directors for the time being. Notice of the first election of Directors, shall be given fifteen days in advance, in at least one newspaper published in Baton Rouge, and one published at Clinton. The first Board of Directors shall hold office until the third Monday of January, 1854. The election shall be annual, and each subsequent Board shall be elected on the third Monday of December. A failure to elect Directors, shall not dissolve the corporation, but the Board in office shall continue the exercise of its functions until a new board can be elected. All notice of elections and of meetings of stockholders after the first election above provided for, shall be given by publication thirty days in advance, in the official paper of the company, and in one paper published at Clinton.

7th. The following persons are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the stock of said corporation. Viz: Commissioners at Baton Rouge, T. G. Morgan, S. M. Hart, H. T. Waddill, A. S. Herron, Eugene Lanoue and W. S. Pike. At Clinton, J. H. Muse, H. H. Haynes, Henry Marston, G. W. Munday, J. B. Smith, Wm. Patterson and M. G. Mills. The said commissioners shall have power to appoint deputies or agents in other places to receive subscriptions.—Three shall form a quorum to do business. The subscriptions shall be closed as soon as the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars shall have been subscribed, and the commissioners shall immediately thereafter cause this charter, with the names of the subscribers to be registered in the office of the Recorder of Mortgages as required by law, and shall cause notice to be given and an election for Directors held as provided for in the 6th Article of the charter.

8th. Immediately after the election of the first Board of Directors the subscription list shall be opened for a term of three months at such places as may be deemed advisable by the Board of Directors and public notice shall be given thereof in a newspaper published at the place where said subscription books are opened; and the board shall have power to appoint agents for receiving subscriptions. At the end of said three months, if the amount of subscriptions shall exceed the amount of capital required, a meeting of stockholders and subscribers shall be held to determine whether the capital shall be increased to the whole amount of subscription; and if

the capital be not so increased, then the number of shares subscribed shall be reduced from the largest subscription so as not to diminish the number of shares of any subscriber, while another remains with a larger number of shares. If there be any deficiency in the amount of capital subscribed, the said subscription books may be reopened and closed from time to time, until the whole capital shall have been subscribed.

8th. In case of failure on the part of any subscriber to pay the installments on his stock, as required, the Board of Directors, shall have the option, after thirty days written notice to the defaulter, of forfeiting the stock, and selling it for the benefit of said stockholder, or of compelling by suit the payment of such installment; and no stockholder shall be permitted to vote while in default.

10th. All meetings of Stockholders called for the purpose of increasing or diminishing the capital stock of the company or for any of the purposes enumerated in the fifth section of the act of the Legislature of Louisiana entitled "An act for the organization of corporations for works of public improvement and utility," shall be composed of persons holding in their own right, or as agents for others at least three-fourths of the stock of the company, in order to take valid and binding action in the premises, at all other meetings of stockholders, and at all elections, a majority of stock shall be represented, and in this latter case, if such majority be not present nor represented the meeting shall be adjourned for one week, and the vote of the majority of the stock present and represented at such adjourned meeting shall bind the company in the same manner, as if a majority of all the stock were present and represented.

11th. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors, occurring during the year may be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors.

12th. The President and Directors of said corporation shall have power to make and use a common seal—to elect a newspaper, which shall be known to the Stockholders as the official paper of the Company, and in which all advertisements shall appear, and to do every thing necessary for the construction, repair, and maintenance of the plank road herein before described, with as many tracks as they may deem necessary; to determine the line of the road, and the depots that may be necessary; to make and construct all works whatever for the proper and complete working of the road; to construct all bridges over navigable and other streams, and whether the crossing shall be by bridge or ferry; to contract specially for work, labor or materials to be furnished to the company, and to agree whether the whole or any part thereof shall be payable in the capital stock of the Company; to appoint a Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendents, Engineers, and other officers or servants necessary or proper, for the faithful performance, of any duty necessary to the construction or proper maintenance of the said plank road; to make all contracts for the furnishing of material or equipments for the road on such credits as they may deem proper; to borrow money for and on account of said road in any sum not to exceed ten thousand dollars, unless authorized by a vote of two thirds of the stockholders, not to exceed that sum, and to mortgage the said road and its appurtenances to secure the payment of the same; to make all contracts for the purpose of speedily and properly constructing said road, and when said road or any part thereof is finished, to fix the rate of tolls for same to make all rules and regulations or by-laws necessary for the proper, safe and regular transaction of the business of the company; but such rule and regulations shall be subject to repeal, change, amendment, or modification, by the stockholders at their meetings, or by the President and Directors in their intervals; they may accept donations in land or money, or such materials or labor as may be useful to the company; they shall declare semi-annually the dividends arising from the road after the payment of all expenses. Said dividends shall be declared and made payable to the stockholders during the first fifteen days of December and June of each year; they shall make at least once in each year a report in full detail to the stockholders, exhibiting the expenses and profits or revenue of the road as well as the cost during the process of constructing the same as well as the repairs that may be made thereof; they shall keep or cause to be kept, a regular set of books, on which shall be entered in regular order all business or other transactions of the company, which said book shall be opened to the inspection of the stockholders at the office of the company. A stock book shall be kept and certificates of stock shall be issued to the stockholders, and no transfer of stock shall be binding on the company until made on its stockbook.

13. If any subscriber for stock shall be taxed by virtue of any law or ordinance for the payment of subscription to the company he shall have the right of reducing the number of his shares by an amount equal to that of the tax so imposed, but this right must be exercised within thirty days from the date of the law or ordinance after which term it shall not be allowed.

14th. An annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held on the first Monday in December to receive an annual report of the past year's operation and business of the company at which a full statement of the financial affairs and other business of the company shall be submitted by the President and Directors for examination by the stockholders and their agents.

15th. At the expiration of the charter, or whenever the dissolution of the corporation shall render necessary its liquidation, three commissioners shall be elected by the stockholders whose duty it shall be to take possession of the property of the company and conduct its business to a final liquidation on such terms and in such manner as shall be determined by a meeting of the stockholders regularly convened for that purpose, and if at the expiration of the present charter a majority of the stockholders in number or amount shall desire to re-new the same for

a further term, the stockholder desisting from said renewal shall be bound to transfer their stock to those during the renewal at its fair value, to be fixed by appraisers mutually chosen for that purpose.

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### Terms for Boarders.

For the scholastic year of 10 1/2 months	\$150 00
Physician's fee and minor infirmity expenses	6 00
Entrance fee (for the first year only)	10 00
Stationary (if furnished by the Institution)	5 00
Washing and mending (if done by the Institution)	20 00

### For Day Scholars.

For the two inferior classes per mo.	\$4 00
For the others	5 00

Books, Drawing, Music, etc., form extra charges.

The payments are to be made semi-annually in advance.  
The College advances no money; it will be well therefore, that the parents deposit a certain sum with the treasurer for accidental expenses and pocket-money.

The next Session will commence, 1st October, 1852; on which day the new brick building will be ready. [aug 21-3w-1w.

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## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Baton Rouge, Monday,  
Oct. 6th, 1852.

Regular meeting of the board of selection present:—

JOHN B. DUFROCO, Esq., Mayor,  
JOSEPH MORGAN, SAM'L M. HART,  
LEVI KELLUM, CHAS. GUIDRY,  
JORDAN HOLM, EUGENE LANOUZ.

The proceedings of last regular and special meetings, were read and approved.  
The committee on streets and landings, to whom was referred by special resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Board on the 6th ult.—the duty of having the Wharf repaired, submitted the following report, which on motion was unanimously adopted and the committee discharged.

REPORT  
TO THE MAYOR, &c.

The undersigned, composing the committee on streets and landings, having been specially instructed by resolution of your honorable body, to have the Wharf at the Steamboat Landing thoroughly repaired have completed the work, and deem it their duty to make the following detailed report in reference to that matter.

Amt. paid Benj. Terrier for work	\$130 00
do " F. Arbour for lumber	131 60
do " W. F. Tunnard for bolts	10 00
do " Languier & Lanoue spikes	5 55
do " Hauling lumber	6 40

Entire cost of repairs to Wharf \$283 55  
Respectfully submitted,  
S. M. HART,  
L. KELLUM,  
C. GUIDRY.

Baton Rouge, October 4th 1852.  
His honor the Mayor informed the board, that under resolution adopted at the Special meeting, he had leased the upper part of the City Hall, to the Directors of School District No. 2, for a Female Public school for one year from the day of—

The following petition and memorial numerously signed was presented and read.

To the Mayor, and Board of Select-  
men of the town of Baton Rouge.

The petition of accompanying signers, respectfully sheweth—that the large increase of buildings in the town of Baton Rouge, renders it necessary that more than one Engine should belong to the town, for protection against fire—that the present engine is wanted at the North end of the town, and before it could be manned and ready to work a building situated at the South end, might be entirely consumed. Your petitioners therefore pray that a new engine be purchased by the corporation, for the public use to be located near the Court House.

Respectfully submitted.  
After duly considering the foregoing petition it was unanimously

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue the Bonds of the Corporation for the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars in sums of twenty-five dollars each payable in one, and two years, bearing eight per cent interest per annum. And be it further

Resolved, That the Bonds so issued shall be sold at not less than their par value and the funds arising from the sale of said bonds be appropriated, or so much thereof, as may be necessary to the purchase of a Fire Engine, and the erection of an Engine House in Ward No. 1.

The following accounts were presented, allowed and ordered to be paid.

Jas. J. Odum, Jail hands	\$110 40
Jas. J. Odum, Vagrants	2 37
New Latona, passage paupers	6 00
F. Arbour, Lumber	121 15
W. F. Tunnard, Dirt Barrows	25 00
W. Fousse, smiths work	7 75
E. Cousinard, Killing Dogs	80 50

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Resolved, That the street committee be, and they are hereby authorized to have a brick privy built on the ground in the rear of the City Hall. And be it further

Resolved, that they be and they are hereby authorized to have a window in the rear of the City Hall altered to a door, for the purpose of affording a passage to the back premises of the City Hall.

Resolved, That the owners of property on the North of Laurel street between Fifth and Penitentiary streets be requested to make good brick side walks within ninety days from the promulgation of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to report to the Board the receipts and disbursements since his last annual report up to date—and that he be required to report, at each regular monthly meeting of the board, the state of the Treasury with the amount received and expended, and amount on hand.

The committee appointed to examine the digest of the Laws, Ordinances and Resolutions now in force reported progress and asked further time which was granted, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to issue his warrant on the Treasurer to J. C. Gayle, Esq., for one hundred dollars on account.

The board adjourned.  
J. R. DUFROCO, Mayor.  
O. BARRE, Clerk.

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