

The State of South Carolina, By the Secretary of State:

Whereas, Fred J. Gates, Albion A. Gates and Julius H. Heyward did, on the fifteenth day of September, 1893, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration, signed by themselves, setting forth: First: The names and residence of the said petitioners, to be Fred J. Gates, Albion A. Gates and Julius H. Heyward, all of whom reside in the City of Greenville, State of South Carolina. Second: The name of the proposed Corporation to be that of "The Gates Dress Company"; that the principal place of business of said Corporation is to be in the said City of Greenville, State of South Carolina, and that the general purpose of said, and the nature of the business its purposes to do, is the manufacture and sale of women's dresses, sets, suits, corsets and wooden furnishings and furniture of every kind and description. Third: The amount of Capital Stock to be twenty five thousand dollars, and the number of shares into which the same is to be divided to be two hundred and fifty of the par value of one hundred dollars each.

And whereas, on the fifteenth day of September, 1893, the said Fred J. Gates and Julius H. Heyward were commissioned by me a Board of Corporators, authorizing and empowering them to open books of subscription to the Capital Stock of said proposed Corporation, giving not less than three days previous notice, by advertisement, giving the ----- a newspaper published in the County of Greenville, giving notice of the time and place where said books of subscription would be opened: And whereas, the said Board of Corporators, on the fourth day of October A.D. 1893, did file with the Secretary of State their return in writing, over their signatures, certifying, among other things; that the whole amount of the Capital Stock has been subscribed and paid in; that a board of directors have been elected, to wit; A. A. Gates, F. J. Gates and Julius H. Heyward, that said board of directors elected A. A. Gates, President, Julius H. Heyward, Secretary and Treasurer, and Fred J. Gates, Superintendent of works. Now, therefore, I, J. E. Tindal, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by an Act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the formation of certain Corporations under General Laws", approved the twenty-third day of December, 1886, and all Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby certify that said Company has been fully organized, according to the laws of South Carolina, under the name and for the purposes indicated in the written declaration, and that they are fully authorized to commence business under their Charter; and that a copy of this Certificate be filed and recorded in the office of the Register of Marine Companies in each County where such Corporation shall have a business office. Given under my hand and seal of the State, this the fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and