

CHAP. 23. place until the damages herein after mentioned shall have been paid and satisfied; *And provided also, that no division of profits shall exceed fifteen per centum per annum.*

Account of receipts and expenditures to be annually made to county courts.

7. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the said president and directors, after the bridges aforesaid shall be completed, shall annually, between the first day of January and the first day of May, lay before the county court of Baltimore and Harford respectively, a just and true account of their receipts and expenditures, with a statement of the clear profits thereof, which shall be applied in the first instance to the payment of the damages sustained by individuals over whose land the said public road runs, and which have been heretofore ascertained according to the provisions of an act, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the post-road from Havre-de-Grace to Baltimore-town, and to the extinguishment of the capital stock, in such manner as may by the said president and directors be deemed best calculated to effect the same; and whenever the said damages, and also the principal stock, shall be so sunk, with an advance of fifteen per centum per annum on said principal stock, then and in such case the said bridges shall be thrown open, and remain for ever after clear of all toll.

Penalty for neglect.

8. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That if the said president and directors shall not return their accounts as herein directed to the county courts of Baltimore and Harford as aforesaid, they shall forfeit the sum of one thousand dollars each for every such neglect, to be applied towards sinking the capital of the said bridges.

If bridges are not begun before 1st July, 1863, act to be void.

9. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That if the said bridges be not begun before the first day of July, eighteen hundred and three, and rendered passable with security and convenience before the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five, then this act to be void in all its parts.

When erected, property vested in stockholders—Tolls.

10. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That when good and secure bridges, with stone arches or stone pillars, shall be erected over the Great Falls and Little Falls of Gunpowder, in Baltimore county, and Winter's Run, in Harford county, as aforesaid, the property thereof shall be vested in the stockholders, subject to the provisions of this act; and the said stockholders, or the directors that may be appointed by them, shall be authorised to erect a gate on the bridge built, or to be built, across the Little Falls, or in the road adjoining the same, and a house for the residence of the collector of the tolls, and to demand and receive the following tolls at the said gate; that is to say, for every led or driven horse or mule, and for each head of black cattle, two cents; for every sheep or hog, one cent; for every coach or other four wheeled riding carriage, the driver and horses, not exceeding thirty-seven and one half cents; for every two wheeled riding carriage, the driver and horse or horses, not exceeding twenty-five cents; for every wagon, cart, or other carriage of burthen, drawn by horses, mules or oxen, not exceeding two cents for every horse, mule or ox therein; and for every horse or mule, and rider, six cents; and for every sleigh or slide, three cents for each horse or mule therein.

Penalty for demanding greater rates than are allowed— for not keeping bridges in repair.

11. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That if the said president and directors, or their servants or agents, or any of them, shall demand and receive any greater rates or tolls than those herein enumerated, or shall neglect to keep the said bridges in good and sufficient repair,