

**CHAP. 154.** and for repairing the said bridge, and shall on the first Monday of April and October in every year, publish the dividend to be made of the said clear profits thereof, among the stockholders, and of the time and place where and when the same shall be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly.

Penalty for injuring any part of bridge

**14. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That if any person or persons shall wilfully, or without the orders of the said president and directors, pull down, break or destroy, with intent to injure any part or parts of said bridge, or of any abutment, pier or piers, or of any of the toll-houses, grates, bars, or other property of the said corporation, appertenant to, or erected or made for, the use and convenience of the said bridge, or the persons employed in conducting the business thereof, or shall wilfully, without the orders and consent of the said corporation, obliterate, deface or destroy the letters, figures, or other characters, in any written or printed list of the rates or tolls affixed or to be affixed in any place or places for the information of passengers or others, or who shall wilfully or maliciously obstruct or impede the passage on or over the said bridge, or any part or parts thereof, he, she or they, so offending, shall, and each of them shall forfeit and pay to the said president and directors and company the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered before a justice of the peace, in like manner and subject to the same rules and regulations, as debts under fifty dollars may be recovered; and he, she or they, so offending, may and shall remain liable to action at the suit of the said president and directors for further damages for such offences, if the said sums herein mentioned be not sufficient to repair and satisfy such damages.

No toll to be received on day of election, &c.

**15. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That nothing contained in this act shall authorise the receiving or taking of any toll on the day of any election from any voter going to or returning from the election.

**CHAP. CLV.**

Passed Feb 20 1819 *An Act Supplementary to the act(a). entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of Commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Easton, in Talbot County, and to establish and regulate a Market at the said Town. Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 370.*

(a) 1790, ch. 14. See 1806, ch. 63.

Preamble

**WHEREAS** it appears from the representations of sundry inhabitants of the town of Easton, to be expedient to enlarge the powers of the commissioners; therefore,

Commissioners authorized to impose a tax without convening voters.

**1. BE IT ENACTED,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of the town of Easton shall be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, whenever they may deem it necessary for any purpose connected with the regulation and improvement of the town, or the preservation of good order therein, to levy and impose, upon the assessable property of the town, such a tax as they in their judgment and discretion shall deem reasonable, necessary and proper, without convening the voters of the town, as required by the original act aforesaid; *Provided however,* that no such tax shall ever exceed in any one year the rate of fifty cents for every hundred dollars worth of assessable property in the town, and any such tax, when so imposed or levied, shall and may be collected by the bailiff of the town, under the direction of the said

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