

ceeding the following rates, namely : on all goods, produce, merchandise or property of any description whatsoever, transported by them, not exceeding three cents a ton per mile for transportation of freight, and for the transportation of passengers not exceeding three cents per mile for each passenger and baggage not weighing more than fifty pounds, or occupying a space of not more than four cubic feet, and it shall not be lawful for any other company, or any other person or persons whatsoever, to travel upon or use any of the roads of the said company, or to transport persons, merchandise, produce or property of any description whatsoever, along said roads or any of them, without the license or permission of the president and directors of said company, and that the said road or roads, with all their works, improvements and profits, and all the machinery of transportation used on said road, are hereby vested in the said company incorporated by this act, and their successors forever, and the shares of the capital stock of the said company shall be deemed and considered personal estate.

Dividends.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the said president and directors shall declare and make such dividends as they may think proper of the net profits arising from the resources of the said company, after deducting the necessary current and probable contingent expenses, and they shall divide the same amongst the proprietors of the said company, in proper proportion to their respective shares.

Forfeiture for
injuring road.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully, by any means whatsoever, injure, impair or destroy any part of any rail road constructed by said company under this act, or any of their necessary works, buildings, carriages, vehicles or machines, of said company, or place any obstructions on said road so as to endanger the lives of passengers or property of said company, such persons so offending shall, each of them for every such offence, forfeit and pay to the said company the sum of five hundred dollars, which may be recovered in the name of said company, by an action of debt, in the circuit court of the county wherein the offence shall be committed, and shall also be subject to indictment in said court, and upon conviction of such offence, shall be punished by fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the said court.

Power to regulate charges
for transportation, &c.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the president and directors of the Westernport and Potomac rail road company aforesaid, or a majority of