

CHAPTER 324.

AN ACT to incorporate a company for constructing a Passed May 27, 1853.
 a Bridge or Bridges across the Chesapeake and Ohio
 Canal and the Potomac river, at or near Williamsport,
 in Washington county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Commissioners appointed. That John Wolf, George Cushwa, Wilfred D. McCardle, Edward M. Mealey and George Strause, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, with power to supply any vacancy that may occur by death, resignation or otherwise, that is to say, they, or a majority of them, after twenty days notice in one or more newspapers published in Williamsport or Hagerstown, in Washington county, Maryland, and in one or more newspapers published at Martinsburg, Berkley county, Virginia, shall, or may open a book or books, at such place or places as they may designate, for raising subscriptions to construct a bridge or bridges at or near Williamsport, Washington county, across the Potomac river and the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, and thereupon they shall proceed to receive subscriptions for the capital stock of the said company, which is hereby limited at one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into five thousand shares of twenty dollars each, and the said book or books shall be kept open for six consecutive days, and in case of an excess of subscription the commissioners shall deduct from the largest in such manner that no one shall be reduced while any remains larger; and if the whole number of shares shall not have been subscribed for within that time, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall give notice as aforesaid, of the time and place or places when and where they will receive subscriptions for the remaining shares.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That every person at \$5 to be paid at time of subscribing. the time of subscribing, shall pay to the attending commissioner or commissioners five dollars for every share by him or her subscribed for, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses for taking such subscriptions and other incidental charges, and the remainder shall be paid over to the treasurer of the corporation as soon as the same shall be organized and the officers chosen as hereinafter mentioned.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That as soon as Election of two thousand shares shall been subscribed, the said directors. two thousand shares shall been subscribed, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall call a