

or more of the jury, and returned by the sheriff to the clerk of his county, to be by him recorded; and upon such valuation the jury is hereby directed to describe and ascertain the bounds of the land by them valued, and the nature of the estate required by the company in the same, and their valuation shall be conclusive on all persons, and shall on demand be paid for by the said president and managers to the owner or owners of the land, or his, her or their legal representatives, and on payment, or tender of payment thereof, or deposit of the same in the Bank of Leesburg, or in any Bank in Frederick-town, in Maryland, to the credit of the person or persons entitled thereto, the said company shall be seized of such lands as of an absolute estate in perpetuity as shall be described as aforesaid, as if conveyed by the owner or owners to them; *Provided*, that if the said bridge shall be abutted on the land of any person or persons now owning a ferry over the river Potomac, then the value of such ferry shall be assessed to the person or persons in the damages aforesaid; *And provided also*, that the damages assessed shall be fully paid or tendered to the party entitled to receive the same, before the company aforesaid shall be entitled to exercise any act of possession or ownership on the land aforesaid.

Sec. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the said company be and they are hereby authorised, if at any time hereafter they deem it advisable, to construct a towing path by the side of the said bridge, to conduct boats from the Virginia shore to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, to accommodate the trade of Virginia.

Sec. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the privileges granted under this act shall enure to the company herein incorporated, on the express condition that the said bridge be commenced within three years after the passage of this act, and be completed so as to furnish a safe mode of passage within two years thereafter.

Sec. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the provisions of this act shall take effect from and after the confirmation thereof by the legislature of Virginia.

CHAP. XLVIII.

An Act to authorise John Armstrong, of Baltimore County, to hold Real Estate. Passed Feb 13, 1828

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John Armstrong, of Baltimore county, shall be and he is hereby authorised and enabled to have, hold, take, possess and enjoy, any lands, tenements or hereditaments, within this state, which he has acquired, or may hereafter acquire, in the same manner and as fully as he