

number of shares to such an extent as shall be deemed sufficient to accomplish the work, and receive subscriptions on original terms, and demand the money subscribed for such shares in like manner and under like penalties as are herein before provided for the original subscriptions, or as shall be provided by their by-laws.

23. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the court of inspection aforesaid shall, at the end of every third year from the date of this incorporation, until two years next after the whole of the said road shall be completed, lay before the general assembly an abstract of the accounts of the said corporation, on the oath or affirmation of the persons intrusted by the company with keeping of the said accounts, shewing the whole amount of their capital expended in the prosecution of the said work, and of the income and profits arising from the said tolls, for and during the said respective period, together with an exact account of the costs and charges of keeping the said road in repair, and all other contingent costs and charges, so that the clear annual income and profits thereof may be ascertained and known; and if at the end of two years after the said road shall be completed from the beginning to the end thereof, it shall appear from the average profits of the said two years, that the said clear income and profits will not bear a dividend of ten *per centum per annum* on the capital stock of the said company so expended, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said president, managers and company, to increase the tolls therein before allowed, so much upon each and every allowance thereof, as will raise the dividends up to ten *per centum per annum*; and at the end of three years thereafter, the said company shall, on the oath or affirmation of the persons respectively employed to keep the accounts of the said company, render such like statements to the general assembly; and if at the end of any such triennial period there shall be a surplus of tolls, over and above satisfying the aforesaid ten *per centum* upon the said road, the said court of inspection shall have power and is hereby authorised to receive such surplus, and to employ the same in purchasing out the stock of the said road.

Accounts to be rendered to the general assembly at the end of every third year

24. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said company shall cause posts to be erected and continued at the intersection of every public road falling into and leading out of the said turnpike road, with a board and index hand, pointing to the direction of such road, on both sides whereof shall be inscribed in legible characters the name of the town, village or place, to which such road leads, and the distance thereof in computed miles; and the said company shall cause mile-stones to be placed at the side of the said road, beginning at the distance of one mile from Boonsborough, and extending thence to the termination of the said road, whereon shall be marked in plain legible characters, the number of miles which each stone is distant from Boonsborough aforesaid; and at every gate or turnpike by them to be fixed on the said road, shall cause the distance from Boonsborough, and the distance from the nearest gate or turnpike in each direction, to be marked in legible characters, designating the number of miles and fraction of a mile on the said gates, or some other conspicuous place, for the information of travellers and others using the said road; and if any person shall wilfully destroy the said posts, boards, index hands or

Posts and mile-stones to be erected—penalty for destroying them