shall proceed to hear and determine the said matter as soon after the filing of the said record in said

court as shall be practicable.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That so soon as the structure of such bridge, if the same shall contain a draw, shall be placed on the piers thereof, the said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall be required to keep a good and sufficient steam tug, or towboat, at the location of such bridge, and shall, at all times during the season of the open navigation of the Susquehanna river, keep the said tug or towboat to enable every vessel or vessels to get through or from said bridge, and in case of the neglect or refusal of the officer or officers of said tugboat to tow through or from said bridge any vessel or vessels that may require the aid of said tug or towboat, then the said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall be liable for damages to the owner or owners, master or masters of said vessel or vessels for every such detention in a sum not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace of Cecil or Harford counties.

Keep steam

Liable for damages.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 3, 1882.

Chapter 224.

AN ACT to confer additional powers upon the Local Express Company of Baltimore city.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Local Express Company of Baltimore city, a corporation chartered under the General Laws of this State, be and it is hereby empowered, in aid of its forwarding business, to contract with the Passenger Railway Companies of Baltimore city and the adjoining counties, and the said companies are hereby empowered to contract with it for the carriage of express matter with despatch on the lines of their said railways.

Empowered to contract.

Approved April 3, 1882.