

6. *And be it enacted*, That no informer shall be entitled to any part of any fine unless the offence charged shall have been proved by a disinterested witness, but in such case the whole fine shall be paid to the levy court for the use of the county.

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Informer not entitled to any part of fine unless offence is proved by a disinterested witness. Commanders of vessels to charge persons in their vessels, to be careful in discharging ballast.

7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of all persons owning, commanding, or having charge of any boat or vessel, while such boat or vessel may be in either of said counties, to charge and command all persons belonging to, or engaged in the service of such boat or vessel, to be careful in the discharge of any ballast of such boat or vessel, so that this act shall not be violated, and if it shall appear that this act hath been violated, from the negligence of the owner, commander, or person having charge of any boat or vessel as aforesaid, such person may be fined as aforesaid.

CHAPTER 154.

An act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of building a Bridge over the North West Branch of Nanticoke River, at a place heretofore called Crotchers's Ferry, but now known and called The Rising Sun.

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WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of a number of inhabitants of Dorchester county, the convenience of the public would be greatly promoted by erecting a bridge over the North West Branch of Nanticoke River, and praying that a law may pass to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the said North West Branch of said river; therefore,

Preamble.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That Thomas Ennals, Joseph Nicols, Francis Turner, Ezekiel Wheatly, John Brohown, Minos Adams, William S. Harper, John Shehee, William Wheatley and John Cropper, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with full power and authority to open, or cause to be opened, a book for receiving and entering subscriptions for raising a capital stock not exceeding five thousand dollars, to be divided into two hundred and fifty shares, each share to be twenty dollars, for the purpose of building a bridge over the North West Branch of Nanticoke River, at a place now called The Rising Sun.

Commissioners appointed to receive subscriptions.

2. *And be it enacted*, That whenever seventy shares of said stock shall be subscribed for, all persons who may then be, or thereafter may become, the actual proprietor of shares in the said capital stock, either as subscribers for the same, or as the legal representatives, successors or assignees, of such subscribers, shall be, and they are hereby made and created a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of The President and Directors of the Rising Sun Bridge Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded.

When seventy shares are subscribed, subscribers incorporated.

3. *And be it enacted*, That as soon as seventy shares of the said stock be subscribed, the said commissioners, or any five of them, shall call a meeting of the stockholders, who shall proceed in person, or by proxy appointed for that purpose by writing, subscribed by such stockholder, and attested by one or more witnesses, to the election, by ballot, of seven directors; and the said directors shall elect one of their number to act as president, who shall, with the directors, continue in office one year, and until a new election for

Stockholders to meet to elect directors.