

X. And be it enacted, That if the said company shall collect or receive any greater rates than those herein enumerated, or shall neglect to keep said bridge in repair, he, she or they, so offending, shall, for every offence, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars, for the use of Baltimore-town; provided, that no suit therefor shall be brought until after thirty days from the time of committing said offence.

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No greater rates to be received, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the president and directors aforesaid, or persons acting under them, to take down the bridge known by the name of the Lower Bridge, and to use and occupy the adjoining lots and streets, and also to occupy the bed of Jone's Falls, so far as may be necessary for collecting together, and working and using, materials and machinery for building and securing, or preparatory to building, the said bridge; provided, that if any person shall be injured by said company occupying the lots adjoining, such person shall be indemnified by the said company.

Bridge may be taken down, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That the said bridge shall be in length co-extensive with the width of Jone's Falls, as laid down by the port-wardens of Baltimore-town, of a width not less than thirty feet; it shall not consist of more than three arches, the centre one of which shall have at least thirty feet space; the sides of said bridge shall be secured by walls, or balustrades, not less than three feet high.

Length, &c. of the bridge, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the president and directors of the company give to each stockholder a certificate of the share or shares he may hold, which shall be a transferable property, under such regulations and conditions as may be by the said president and directors adopted for the same; and provided any subscriber shall, after due notice being given, refuse or neglect to pay the amount of his subscription, or such part thereof as may by the president and directors be called for, the sum or sums already paid by such subscriber shall be forfeited, and the said president and directors may proceed to receive fresh subscriptions for such share or shares as may so become forfeited.

President, &c. to give a certificate, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the president, and a majority of the directors, shall be a quorum to do business; they shall keep a book or books, in which shall be inserted minutes of their proceedings, contracts, purchases, expenditures, and a state of the cash in hand, which book or books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the stockholders.

Majority to be a quorum, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That the said stockholders shall be and are hereby declared a body corporate, by the name of The President and Directors of the Water-street Bridge Company, and by the same name shall have succession until the purposes of this act be answered, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of justice in this state, and before any judge, judges and justices, in all manner of suit or suits, causes, matters and demands, in as full and ample a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, within this state, in like cases may or can do, and may make, have and use, a common seal, and the same may break or alter at their pleasure.

Stockholders declared a body corporate, &c.

C H A P. LVII.

An ACT to empower John Erskine and John Thomas, administrators of Richard Johns, to collect the balances due to Richard Johns as sheriff and collector of Talbot county.

Passed December 31.

WHEREAS John Erskine and John Thomas, administrators of Richard Johns, late sheriff and collector of Talbot county, deceased, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that there are considerable balances due to him as sheriff and collector, and pray that an act may pass, authorizing them to collect the same in the same manner as the said Richard Johns might have done while he was sheriff and collector as aforesaid, and that the administrators aforesaid shall be allowed the same commission upon the said collections as the said sheriff would have been entitled to,

Preamble.