

twenty shares ; and one vote for every five shares over and above the twenty shares which he or she may hold, and the said company shall at a convenient place, cause books to be opened for subscription to the capital stock thereof, after advertising for at least twenty days, the time and place of opening said books, said books to be kept open for at least ten days, and if upon closing said books, there shall be found to have been subscribed more than three hundred and twenty shares, the said corporators shall reduce the subscriptions pro rata to three hundred shares, and may make such rules for the government and management thereof as the majority of said company may think proper ; *provided* the same be not contrary to the provisions of this Act, or to the laws of the State, or of the United States ; *and provided also*, that if upon application of any one, the Circuit Court of Baltimore City or Baltimore County shall decide that said bridge is out of repair and unsafe in crossing the same, that toll shall not be demanded until the said bridge shall be repaired.

Provisos.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the company shall cause to be kept an accurate record of the cost of constructing said bridge, and that the City and County of Baltimore, or either of them, may at any time refund to the company the cost of said bridge, and make the same a free bridge without charge for passing ; or any number of persons by subscription or otherwise, shall enjoy the same right of refunding to the company the cost of said bridge as fully as that granted to the city and county aforesaid.

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Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That should the city or county, or others set forth in section fifth fail to refund the cost of said bridge within one year after the completion of the same, then the company shall cause to be set aside all profits over and above nine per cent. per annum, which sum it may be lawful to declare as dividend to the stockholders, and said profits shall constitute a sinking fund to be applied to the liquidation of the cost of said bridge, and when the company shall thereby be repaid for the construction of said bridge, it shall then no longer be lawful to de-

¶Sinking fund¶