

proper, of the net profits arising from the resources of said company, after deducting the necessary current and probable contingent expenses, and that they shall divide the same amongst the proprietors of the stock of said company, in proper proportions to their respective shares.

Sec. 21. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully, by any means whatsoever, injure, impair or destroy any part of any railroad constructed by said company under this Act, or any of the necessary works, buildings, engines, cars, carriages, vehicles or machines of said company, such person or persons so offending shall each of them, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to said company the sum of five hundred dollars, which may be recovered in the name of said company, by an action of debt, instituted in the Circuit Court for the county wherein the offence shall be committed, and shall also be subject to indictment in said court, and, upon conviction of such offence, shall be punished by fine, imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Destroy, penalty.

How recovered.

Sec. 22. *And be it enacted*, That unless the said railroad, hereby authorized, shall be commenced within six years and completed within nine years after the passage of this Act, the privileges hereby granted this company shall cease, except so far as shall be necessary to wind up its affairs.

Time limited.

Sec. 23. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage; and the General Assembly reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this charter at pleasure.

In force.

May amend.

Approved April 4, 1870.

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## CHAPTER 204.

AN ACT for the relief of the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, and authorizing the raising by taxation the sum of ten thousand dollars for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this General Assembly that a certain Daniel Dechert has re-