

upon conviction of such offence, shall be punished by fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

Null and void SEC. 23. *And be it enacted,* That if the railroad authorized, as aforesaid, shall not be commenced in two years from the passage of the Act authorizing the same, and shall not be finished within six years from the time of the commencement thereof, this Act authorizing the same shall be null and void.

Reserved. SEC. 24. *And be it enacted,* That the right and privilege is hereby reserved to any company, heretofore or hereafter to be incorporated, to connect with the railroad authorized by this Act; *provided,* that in forming said connexion no injury shall be done to the works or line of the property with which such connexion is made.

May own and operate steamships. SEC. 25. *And be it enacted,* That the railroad company hereby incorporated may own and operate any line of steamships or steamboats, or may subscribe to or hold the stock of any company owning and operating such steamships or steamboats, where such steamships or steamboats can be used, wholly or in part, in connexion with the business of said railroad company.

In force. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1872.

CHAPTER 379.

AN ACT to authorize Robert H. Smith, Frank Magan, Joseph M. Simmons, and James Boyce to build a bridge across the narrows of Spesutia Island, in Harford county.

Empowered to build a bridge. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Robert H. Smith, Frank Magan,