

ttl all the costs, charges and expenses, for effecting the same, shall be fully paid and discharged, and the aggregate amount of all such expenses shall be liquidated and ascertained; and if, after the said bridge is completed, it shall be found that more monies shall remain in the hands of the treasurer than is necessary for the payment of all charges and expenses incurred in and about erecting the said bridge, the surplus shall be returned as part of the dividend due and payable to the stockholders respectively.

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said bridge shall be built in the most secure and substantial manner, and shall be secured and supported at each end by good and sufficient abutments, or piers, and shall be not less than eighteen feet wide, with railing on each side thereof at least four feet high, and there shall be a draw in the said bridge, so as to afford a convenient passage to vessels up and down the said river, of at least twenty-four feet wide, and the president and directors, for the time being, shall keep a sufficient number of hands at all times ready for the purpose of raising the said draw, in order to admit vessels to pass through without delay or interruption; they shall have buoys fixed on each side of said draw with ropes sufficient to warp vessels through whenever the winds or current may render it necessary, for which no reward shall be demanded or received; and in case of any neglect, the said president and directors may be indicted and fined in Talbot or Caroline county courts as for a common nuisance.

Bridge, how to be built, &c.

See November 1812, ch. 140.

11. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for and in consideration of the great risk and expenses to be incurred by said company, not only for building said bridge, but for keeping the same in continual repair, the said bridge, when built and completed according to the directions of this act, and all its profits, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said company for ever, to be held as tenants in common, in proportion to their respective shares; and it shall and may be lawful for the said directors, at all times hereafter, to demand and receive the following tolls, to wit: For every coach, chariot, or other four-wheeled carriage, stage or wagon, thirty-seven and a half cents; for every two-wheeled carriage or cart of every description, eighteen and three-fourths cents; for man and horse, ten cents; for every horse or mule, six and one-fourth cents; for every foot passenger, six and one-fourth cents; for every head of horned cattle, three cents; for every sheep or hog, two cents; which rates of tolls shall at all times be made public, and kept in some convenient place for the inspection of passengers.

Bridge vested in company for ever.

By 1815, ch. 122, the president and directors may contract with the levy court of Caroline county for the passage of the citizens of the said county over the bridge, &c.

12. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said president and directors, or their successors, or any person by their authority, shall demand or receive any greater rates or tolls for passing over the said bridge than is herein before allowed, or shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good repair for the space of ten days at any one time, they so offending shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of thirty dollars, one half thereof for the use of Talbot and Caroline counties respectively, and the other half for the use of the person who may sue for the same, provided that no suit

Penalty for receiving greater toll than by this act allowed.