

**CHAP. 139.** and about erecting the said bridge, the surplus shall be returned as part of the dividend due and payable to the stockholders respectively.

Bridge, how to be built.

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, and shall be not less than seventeen feet wide, with railing on each side thereof of not less than four feet high; and there shall be a draw in said bridge so as to afford a convenient passage to vessels up and down the said river, of at least twenty-six feet wide, with wings on each side of said bridge at the draw, to be at least twelve feet long and eight feet deep; and the president and directors for the time being shall keep a sufficient number of hands at all times ready for the purpose of opening the said draw, in order to admit vessels to pass through without delay or interruption, and no reward shall be demanded or received for the same; and in case of any delay or interruption to the passage of vessels on the part of the president, directors, their officers or servants, the said president and directors may be indicted and fined as for a common nuisance.

Bridge vested in company for ever.

11. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for and in consideration of the great risk and expenses incurred or to be incurred by said company in building said bridge, and 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 is 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 president and directors, at all times hereafter, to demand and receive the following tolls for passing said bridge, to wit: (a) For every coach, chariot, or other four wheeled carriage, stage or wagon, twenty-five cents; for every two wheeled carriage, or cart of every description, twelve and an half cents; for a horse and rider, six and one fourth cents; for every horse or mule, three cents; for every head of horned cattle, two cents; for every score of sheep or hogs, ten cents; for every foot-passenger, two cents; which rates of tolls shall, at all times, be made public and kept in some conspicuous place for the inspection of passengers; *Provided*, that no toll shall be demanded or received from any person residing in Caroline county; and in lieu thereof, the levy court of said county is hereby authorised and directed, at their first session after the said bridge is completed, and annually thereafter, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, the sum of two hundred and eighty dollars, together with the usual commission for collecting the same, which sum shall be paid to the president and directors for the time being, or their order, by the collector of said county, in such manner and at such time as other public monies are payable.

Proviso.

(a) By 1818, ch. 46, the tolls are increased.

Penalty for requiring greater toll than is allowed.

12. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said president and directors, or their successors, or any collector of tolls, or person employed by them, 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 five days at any one time, they, so offending, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, one half for the