

**CHAP. 143.** as soon as may be after the passage of this act, to proceed to the river Susquehanna, and fix upon a site for a bridge at such point on said river, at or near the head of the tide water, or Kerr's Island near Rock Run(a), as them shall appear most proper; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall, as soon as they have fixed upon said site, cause a survey to be made thereof, and return the same, together with a statement of their proceedings, under their hands and seals, to the clerks of Cecil and Harford county courts, there to be recorded, and the said site, so fixed upon the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be the site for the said bridge.

(a) By 1815, ch. 131, the site may be changed.

Books to be opened for subscriptions—Capital.

**2. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That William Wilson, John Moores, Samuel Bradford, John Stump, junior, Stevenson Archer and James Stevenson, for Harford county; Robert Evans, senior, Hugh Beard, James Evans, John Creswell, Elias Chandlee, James Janney, Cyrus Oldham, James Magraw and Thomas Williams, for Cecil county, and Thomas Kell, James Carroll, Joseph Townsend, William Wilson and John Barney, senior, for Baltimore city and county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with full power and authority to open, or cause to be opened, books for receiving and entering subscriptions for raising a capital stock not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars(b), in shares of fifty dollars each, for the purpose of building a bridge over the river Susquehanna at such place on the said river as the commissioners before named shall fix upon to be the site aforesaid.

(b) By 1814, ch. 66, the capital augmented to \$500,000 and additional commissioners appointed.

Where to be opened.

**3. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the commissioners aforesaid for the city and county of Baltimore, or any two of them, shall open the said books in the city of Baltimore, at some convenient place by them determined, and that the three first named commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, for Cecil county, shall open the like books at Elkton; and the next three named commissioners, or a majority of them, shall open the like books at the Rising Sun; and the three last named commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall open the like books at Port Deposit in the said county; and that the three first named commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, for Harford county, shall open the like books at the town of Belle-Air; and the three last named commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall open the like books at Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county; the times and manner of receiving and entering such subscriptions to be fixed upon by the said boards of commissioners in their respective counties, and duly advertised in so many newspapers as they may deem expedient, and to continue the same by adjournments in the same manner as they shall deem proper until the said capital stock shall be subscribed for.

Powers and privileges.

**4. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That whenever two thousand shares of the said stock shall be subscribed for, all persons who may then be or thereafter may become the actual proprietors of shares in the said capital stock, either as subscribers for the same, or as the legal representatives, successors or assignees, of such subscribers, shall be and they are hereby made and created a body politic and incorporate, by the name and style of The President and Directors