

third year, from the date of the incorporation, lay before the general assembly of this Commonwealth, and the general assembly of Maryland respectively, an abstract of their accounts, shewing the whole amount of their capital expended in prosecution of the said work, and of the income and profits arising from the said toll for and during the said respective periods, together with an abstract account of the costs and charges of keeping the said road in repair, and all other contingent costs and charges, to the end that the clear annual income and profits thereof may be ascertained and known.

Sec. 18. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That the said company shall cause posts to be erected at the intersection of every road falling into and leading out of the said turnpike road, with boards and an index hand pointing to the direction of such road, on both sides whereof shall be inscribed in legible characters the name of the town or place to which such road leads, and the distance thereof in measured or computed miles, and shall also cause mile-stones to be placed on the side of the said turnpike road, to designate the distances to and from the principal places thereon, and also shall cause to be affixed on the gates to be erected, for the information of travellers and others using the said road, a printed list of the rates of toll, which from time to time may be lawfully demanded; and if at the end of three years after the said first section of five miles, and every like succeeding section of five miles, and every like succeeding section of the said road shall have been completed, it shall appear that the said clear income and profits will not yield a dividend of six per centum per annum on the capital stock so expended, from time to time of investing the same, then it shall and may be lawful for the president and managers to increase the tolls herein before allowed so much on each and every allowance thereof, as will raise the said dividend up to six per centum per annum; and if at any time it shall appear by the said abstract that the said income and profits will yield a dividend exceeding ten per centum per annum, then the said toll shall be so reduced as to reduce the dividend down to ten per cent. per annum.

Sec. 19. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person or persons shall wilfully break, deface, pull up or prostrate, any mile-stone or mile-post which shall be placed in pursuance of this act on the side of the said road, or shall obliterate the letters or figures inscribed thereon, or shall wilfully break, pull down, deface, destroy or injure, any direction post which shall be erected in pursuance of this act, at the intersection of any road as aforesaid, or the board or index hand affixed thereto in conformity with the directions of this act, or shall obliterate the letters or figures inscribed or marked thereon, or destroy, deface or obliterate, the letters, figures or other characters, marked at any turnpike or gate, which shall be erected in pursuance of this act, for all or any of the purposes therein mentioned, or the whole or any part of any printed list of the rates of tolls which shall be fixed in pursuance of the directions of this act, at such gate or turnpike, he or they so offending in the premises, shall, and each of them shall, for every such offence, severally and respectively forfeit and pay to the said president, managers and company, the sum of twenty dollars, to be sued for and recovered, with costs of suit, before any justice of the peace in manner aforesaid.

Posts, index hands
and mile stones to
be erected—Tolls
may be increased

Penalty for de-
facing any mile-
stone, &c