

the proprietor or proprietors of the land on the Maryland shore, against which the said bridge shall be proposed to be abutted, for the privilege of said abutment, and if the said president and directors should not be able to agree with said proprietor or proprietors upon the price for said privilege of an abutment, then the said president and directors shall apply to the court of Washington county, Maryland, whose duty it shall be to appoint nine disinterested and respectable citizens of Washington county aforesaid, who being first sworn, shall view the lands so proposed for said abutment, and fairly and impartially, to the best of their judgment, fix upon and ascertain the sum which the said proprietor or proprietors ought to have and receive for the privileges of said abutment, taking all circumstances into consideration; and provided the proprietor or proprietors of the property aforesaid, or the president and directors of the bridge company aforesaid, should not be satisfied with the decision of the commissioners aforesaid, either party may appeal to the judges of the county court of Washington county, whose decision shall be final; and upon the said president and directors paying to said proprietor or proprietors the sum so assessed, the land on which said bridge may be abutted, and the privilege aforesaid, shall be for ever vested in said company; *Provided always*, that if the said bridge shall be abutted on the land of any person or persons now owning a ferry over the river Potomac, then the value of such ferry shall be assessed to such person or persons in the damages aforesaid; *And provided also*, that the damages assessed shall be fully paid to the party entitled to receive the same, before the said company shall be entitled to exercise any act of possession or ownership on the land intended for the said abutment.

*Provisos.*

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That as soon as said bridge shall be completed, it shall be lawful for the corporation aforesaid to demand and receive the following tolls and rates for passing the same; that is to say, for a man, horse, mule or work ox, six and one quarter cents; for all wagons, carts or carriages, twelve and one half cents per wheel; for every head of neat cattle, four cents; and for every sheep, hog or goat, two cents, and no more; and if the collector of the tolls shall demand and receive from any person or persons for passing said bridge, more than is hereby allowed, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay to the party aggrieved five dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace in Maryland or Virginia; and any person or persons attempting forcibly to pass said bridge, without paying toll, or refusing to pay the same after having passed, shall be liable to a like penalty, to be recovered in manner aforesaid, for the use of said corporation.

Rates of toll allowed when bridge is completed.

9. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president and directors aforesaid shall, at the end of every six months from the time said bridge shall be completed, after defraying all necessary and proper expenses and charges, declare the dividends due to each stockholder, which shall be paid by the treasurer upon the order of the board of directors.

Dividends to be declared every six months.

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the shares of stock shall be transferrable only on the books of the corporation in such manner as the board of directors may direct.

Transfers, how to be made.