

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 such reasonable tax or toll as they may from time to time agree on and require, provided they shall not at any time demand and receive more than the present rates of ferriage over Chester river, which rates or tolls shall at all times be made public, and shall not be altered or changed oftener than once in each year.

13. 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 Kent and Queen-Anne's counties respectively, and the other half for the use of the person who may sue for the same; provided that no suit or action shall be brought unless within thirty days after such offence shall be committed.

Penalty for demanding greater tolls than allowed by this act.

14. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and directors shall keep a just and true account of all monies received by their several and respective collectors of tolls for crossing the said bridge, and shall make and declare a dividend of the profits and income thereof among all the stockholders, first deducting therefrom all contingent costs and charges, and such proportions of the said income as they may deem necessary to provide against the decay, and for repairing the said bridge, and shall, on every first Monday in June and January of every year, publish the dividend to be made of the said clear profits thereof among the stockholders, and of the time and place where and when the same shall be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly.

Dividends, when and where to be paid.

15. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall wilfully, or without the orders of the said president and directors, pull down, break or destroy, with intent to injure any part or parts of the said bridge, or of any abutment, pier or piers, or of any of the toll-houses, gates, bars, or other property of the said corporation appertenant to, or erected or made for, the use and convenience of the said bridge, or the persons employed in conducting the business thereof, or shall wilfully, without the orders and consent of the said corporation, or any person or persons authorised by them, obliterate, deface or destroy, the letters, figures or other characters, in any written or printed list of the rates or tolls affixed, or to be affixed, in any place or places for the information of passengers, and others, or who shall wilfully and maliciously obstruct or impede the passage on or over the said bridge, or any part or parts thereof, he, she or they, so offending, shall, and each of them shall, forfeit and pay to the said president, directors and company, not exceeding the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace in like manner, and subject to the same rules and regulations, as debts under ten pounds may be recovered, and he, she or they, so offending, may and shall remain liable to actions, at the suit of the said president and directors, for

Penalty for injuring bridge.