

CHAP. 79. counts, shewing the whole amount of their capital expended in the prosecution of the said work, and of the income and profits arising from the said tolls, for and during the said respective period, together with an exact account of the costs and charges of keeping the said road in repair, and all other contingent costs and charges, so that the clear annual income and profits thereof may be ascertained and known; and if at the end of two years after the said road shall be completed from the beginning to the end thereof, it shall appear from the average profits of the said two years, that the said clear income and profits will not bear a dividend of ten per centum per annum on the capital stock of the said company so expended, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said president, managers and company, to increase the tolls herein before allowed so much upon each and every allowance thereof as will raise the dividends up to ten per centum per annum, and at the end of three years thereafter, the said company shall, on the oath or affirmation of the persons respectively employed to keep the accounts of the said company, render such like statements to the general assembly; and if at the end of any such triennial period there shall be a surplus of tolls, over and above satisfying the aforesaid ten per centum, upon the said road, the said court of inspection shall have power, and is hereby authorised, to receive such surplus, and to employ the same in purchasing out the stock of the said road.

24. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the general assembly of Maryland may, at any period after the said road shall have been completed, one year's notice being given to the stockholders, pay the said company the amount of the costs of the said road, with such an interest thereon as shall make it equal, with the tolls received, to ten per centum from the investments of their monies, and that thenceforward the tolls shall be subject to the regulation of the legislature.

25. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said company shall cause posts to be erected and continued at the intersection of every public road falling into and leading out of the said turnpike road, with a board and index hand pointing to the direction of such road, on both sides whereof shall be inscribed, in legible characters, the name of the town, village or place, to which such road leads, and the distance thereof in computed miles; and the said company shall cause milestones to be placed at the side of the said road, beginning at the distance of one mile from the bounds of the district of Columbia, and extending thence to the termination of the said road, whereon shall be marked in plain legible characters, the number of miles which each stone is distant from the district of Columbia aforesaid; and extending thence to the termination of the said road, whereon shall be marked, in plain legible characters, the number of miles which each stone is distant from the district of Columbia aforesaid; and at every gate or turnpike from the line of the district of Columbia, and the distance from the nearest gate or turnpike in each direction, to be marked in legible characters, designating the number of miles and fractions of a mile on the said gates, or some other conspicuous place, for the information of travellers and others using the said road; and if any person shall wilfully destroy the said posts, boards, index hands or mile-

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Guide posts to be
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