

CHAP. 64. from time to time be deemed expedient to make and finish, shall make and declare a dividend of the clear profits and income thereof, all contingent costs and charges, and a reasonable fund for repairs, and for the progressive improvement and accomplishment of the said work, being first deducted and reserved among all the subscribers to the stock of the said company, and shall, on the first Monday in the month of March and September in every year, publish the half yearly dividend to be made of the clear profits among the stockholders, and of the time and place when and where the same will be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly.

To lay an abstract before the general assembly, &c.

18. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and managers shall, at the end of every third year from the date of the incorporation until two years next after the whole road shall be completed, lay before the general assembly of this state an abstract of their accounts, shewing the whole amount of the capital stock expended in the prosecution of the said work, and of the income and profits arising from 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; 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 thereof for the said two years, that the said clear income and profits thereof will not bear a dividend of six per centum per annum on the whole capital stock of the said company so expended, then it shall be lawful to and for the said president, managers and company, to increase the tolls herein allowed, in equal proportions, upon each and every allowance thereof, so as to raise the dividends up to six per centum per annum; and at the end of every ten years after the said road shall be completed, they shall render to the general assembly a like abstract of their accounts for three preceding years, and if, at the end of any such decennial period, it shall appear from such abstract that the clear profits and income of the company will bear a dividend of more than ten per centum per annum, then the said toll shall be so reduced as to reduce the said dividend down to ten per centum per annum.

Company to erect guide-posts and mile-stones.

19. AND BE IT ENACTED, 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 index hands, pointing to the direction of such roads, 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 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.

See 1815, ch 9, s. 7.

Penalty for injuring them.

20. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall wilfully break, deface, pull up or prostrate, any mile-stone which shall be placed in pursuance of this act on the side of the said road, or shall obliterate the letters or figures subscribed thereon, or shall