conveying any person, or transporting any parcel or property any distance whatever, twelve and a half cents; for CHAP. 158. conveying each person the whole distance between Baltimore and Washington not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents, and four cents per mile for any part of the distance more than three miles; for the transportation of any single bale, box, or parcel of merchandize, or other articles, weighing not more than fifty pounds, and measuring in size not more than two cubic feet, the whole distance aforesaid, twenty five cents, or for any distance less than the whole one cent per mile in addition to the twelve and a half cents herein before allowed, provided that in no case shall more than twenty five cents be exacted or received; for any such bale, box or parcel, except flour or grain in barrels or bags, not exceeding ten cubic feet in size, weighing not more than one eighth of a ton, fifty cents for the whole distance, or for any distance less than the whole, one cent per mile in addition to the twelve and a half cents herein before allowed; Provided, That in no case shall more than fifty provise cents be exacted or received for the transportation of all produce, manufactures, merchandize and property, of every description, when the whole quantity transported at the same time for any one person or copartnership, shall exceed one eighth of a ton, at such rate not exceeding four cents per ton per mile for tolls and transportation in either direction, as shall be regulated and fixed from time to time by the said company; and the said company shall have power to make special contracts for conveying on the said road the mail of the United States, for the exclusive use of any car or wagon, or part of a car or wagon, on the said road, for a limited time or distance, and for the transportation thereon of horses, and other living animals, and of carriages. machines, furniture, and articles of large size or unusual construction, or requiring more than ordinary care, or particular arrangements for their conveyance; and the president and directors of the said company, or a majority of them, shall have power from time to time to regulate and fix the prices to be charged and taken for loading and unloading, weighing, storage, receipt and delivery, of all articles and parcels, which shall not be greater than the customary charges for similar services in Washington or Baltimore, and all charges shall be uniform on every part of the said road, and in each direction.

Sec. 4. And whereas, it is important to the public that Corporations the turnpike road between the cities of Baltimore and Wash-owning turnington should be preserved in its present state of usefulness; pike may subtherefore, Be it further enacted, That the corporations owning said turnpike road, shall be allowed and authorised