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ready, for the purpose of raising the said draw, in order to admit vessels to pass through without delay or interruption, for which no reward shall be demanded or received; and in case of any neglect the said president and directors may be indicted and fined in either Cecil or Kent county courts, as a common nuisance.

Vested in company—Tolls.

Sec. 11. *And be it enacted*, That for and in consideration of the great risk and expenses to be incurred by said company, not only for building the said bridge, but for keeping the same in continual repair, the said bridge, when built and completed according to the directions of this act, and all its profits, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said company forever, 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 Sassafras 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.

Proviso

Penalty for receiving greater tolls than allowed.

Sec. 12. *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 fifty dollars, one half thereof for the use of Cecil and Kent counties, 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 sixty days after such offence shall be committed.

Proviso

Dividends.

Sec. 13. *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 also the time and place where and when the same shall be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly.