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third place, to the payment of the expenses of making, or causing to be made, such necessary repairs as the said bridge may, from time to time, hereafter require to preserve the same in a safe, substantial and permanent condition:

Case of surplus.

Provided however, That if at any time hereafter, after the reimbursement of the monies that may be procured or advanced by the said Krebs and Linthecum, as aforesaid, with interest, the amount of tolls collected at the said bridge during any year, at the rates aforesaid, shall be such, that after defraying the expenses of collecting the same, and making, or causing to be made, such necessary repairs as aforesaid, as the said bridge may require during such year, there shall be left a surplus more than sufficient for a reasonable allowance for contingencies, then the mayor and city council of Baltimore, shall be and they are hereby empowered to reduce the aforesaid rates of tolls, conforming to the principle upon which the same is established by this act, so that there may be collected from said bridge as nearly as may be, a sum not greater than will be necessary to pay such annual expenses of collecting said tolls, and making such repairs, and for such contingencies as aforesaid, which reduced rate of tolls, shall continue until such time as the said mayor and city council, for the purposes herein provided for, shall think proper to alter the same, never exceeding however, the rate of tolls herein first prescribed.

Tolls reduced.

On the Corporation of Baltimore or an individual assuring to keep in repair—these tolls to cease.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That if at any time hereafter the mayor and city council aforesaid, shall assume the charge of keeping the said bridge in repair, or any individual or individuals, shall give bond, with security, to be approved by the mayor aforesaid, to do the same; then all right to demand and collect tolls herein granted, shall cease, and become entirely extinct.

Land condemned—highway.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That that part of Ridgley street, as laid down on the plat of the city aforesaid, which extends from the Causeway over the three Prong Branch, to the distance of sixteen feet and a half beyond the continuation of a line through the centre of the bridge aforesaid, together with the parcel of land of the width of sixteen feet and a half on each side of said line, and extending from the south side of Ridgley street so extended, to the abutment of said bridge; as also the said bridge, and the land on which the same is erected, covered with water, be, and the same are hereby condemned as a public highway forever.

Annual accounts under oath.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the said William Krebs and Richard Linthecum, shall submit to the city council aforesaid, at their annual session, upon oath, a full account of