

CHAP. 297. pany hereafter to be incorporated under the authority of this state, to connect with the road hereby provided, any other rail road leading from the main route, to any part or parts of this state; *Provided*, That in forming such connection, no injury shall be done to the works of the company hereby incorporated.

Right to alter rate of tolls.

Sec. 24. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed so as to prevent the legislature of this state from legislating upon the subject of the tolls reserved in this act, at any time after the expiration of twenty years from the passage of this act: *Provided*, That at no time shall the toll be so regulated or reduced as to yield less than six per cent per annum.

Time limited for commencing and completing.

Sec. 25. *And be it enacted*, That unless said rail road is commenced within four years from the passage of this act, and finished within six years thereafter, this act and all the rights and privileges which it confers on said company, shall cease and be utterly void.

CHAPTER 297.

Passed Mar. 12, 1882 *An act further to amend the act, Incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.*

Penalty for injuring canal or works

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any person or persons, shall wilfully, by any means whatever, injure, impair, or destroy any part of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, or any part of its feeders, dams, locks, aqueducts, culverts, walls, embankments, bridges, buildings, or other works now constructed, or which may hereafter be constructed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, under the several acts incorporating the said canal company, or amendatory thereof, or supplementary thereto, such person or persons so offending, shall each of them, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to the said canal company, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, recoverable by action of debt, before any justice of the peace, in and for the county wherein the offence shall be committed, reserving to the parties the right to appeal from the decision of the said justice of the peace, to the county court, in the county in which judgment may be had; or, every such offender shall be subject to indictment in the court for the county in which the offence shall be committed, and upon conviction of such offence, shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court.