

all goods, produce, merchandise or property, other than persons, not exceeding one cent per ton per mile for toll, and five cents per mile for transportation of passengers, for each passenger, and it shall not be lawful for any other company or any person or persons whatever, to travel upon or use any of the roads of said company, without the license or permission of the president and directors of said company, and the said road or roads with all their works, improvements, and profits, and all the machinery and power used upon said road or roads are hereby vested in the said company, and their successors forever; as well as the shares of the capital stock of the said company, shall be deemed and considered personal estate, and shall be exempt from the imposition of any tax or burthen whatever.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted,* That the said president Dividends and directors shall annually, or semi-annually, declare and make such dividends, as they may deem proper, of the nett profits arising from the operations of the said company, after deducting the necessary current and probable contingent expenses; and they shall divide the same among the proprietors of the capital stock in proportion to the shares by them respectively held.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted,* That the company afore- May employ boats said, shall have power to construct, purchase, hold and employ any boats or vessels on the waters of the Chesapeake bay, propelled by steam or otherwise, for the transportation of persons or property to or from their said road or roads, and charge therefor reasonable compensation for freight or passage.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted,* That if any person or Penalty for injuring persons shall wilfully, by any means whatever, injure, impair or destroy any part of any of said roads, or any of the works, buildings, carriages, machines, vessels, materials or other property of the company hereby incorporated, such person or persons shall each of them Fine and imprisonment forfeit and pay to the said company, for every such offence, the sum of two hundred dollars over and above the value of the property so injured and destroyed, and the damages thereby occasioned, which may be recov-