

127. No bridge shall be erected on a navigable river, unless authorized by an act of the General Assembly. Id s 124. Bridge on navigable river.

128. Before the governor shall issue his warrant, authorizing the collection of tolls, he shall be satisfied, from the report of five commissioners, to be appointed by him, that the bridge has been erected and completed in a substantial and proper manner. Id s 125. Report to governor.

129. When any citizen shall allege, in writing, to the Circuit Court of any county, that any bridge situate within or partly within said county or city is not kept in proper order and repair, the same proceedings may be had in said court as are hereinbefore provided in cases of turnpike or plank roads, alleged not to be in proper order and repair. Id s 126. Neglect to repair bridges.

FOR CONSTRUCTING, OWNING, OR OPERATING TELEGRAPH LINES.

130. Corporations for owning, constructing, or operating, or of owning, leasing, constructing, and operating a line or lines of telegraph through this State, or from or to any point or points within this State or upon the boundaries thereof, may be formed as hereinbefore provided. Id s 127. Telegraph companies, how incorporated. 46 Md 67.

131. Such corporation may, with the consent of a majority of its stockholders, given in general meeting, become the purchaser, assignee, or lessee of any property within this State, of any telegraph company or companies now existing, or which may hereafter be incorporated, or may be doing business within this State. Id s 128. Power to purchase, etc

132. It may construct a line or lines of telegraph through this State, or from or to any point or points within this State, or upon the boundaries thereof, and along and upon any postal roads and postal routes, roads, streets, and highways, or across any of the bridges or waters within the limits of this State, by the erection of the necessary fixtures, including posts, piers, or abutments, for sustaining the cords or wires of such lines, without their being deemed a public nuisance or subject to be abated by any private party; *provided*, the same shall not be constructed as to incommode injuriously Id s 129. Power to construct telegraph lines.

the public use of said postal roads, or postal routes, roads, highways, and bridges, or injuriously interrupt the navigation of said waters, or as to interfere with the convenience of any landowner more than is unavoidable, and that this section shall not be so construed as to authorize the construction of any bridge across any of the navigable waters of this State; but the said corporation shall be responsible for any damages which any person or corporation may sustain by the erection, continuance, and use of such fixtures, and in any action brought for the recovery thereof by the owner or possessor of any lands, the damages to be awarded may, at the election of such corporation, include the damages of allowing the said fixtures permanently to continue, on payment of which damages the right of the corporation to continue such fixtures shall be confirmed, as if granted by the parties to the suit; *provided*, that no person or body politic shall be entitled to sue for or recover damages as afore-

Proviso.

Postal roads, etc

Responsibility.

Damages.

Proviso.