

## JOSEPH KENT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

**Dec Ses 1825** **rectors**, who shall appoint their president in manner before directed; of which elections, and the place of holding the same, one month previous notice shall be given by the president and directors.

**Title vested**

7. *And be it enacted*, That the president and directors first elected as aforesaid shall as soon as may be after their election proceed to Havre-de-Grace, and fix upon such site as they may deem most proper upon which to erect said bridge, and cause a survey thereof to be made, and of as much fast land on each side of said river contiguous to said bridge, as will be sufficient for extending the abutments of said bridge and for laying out roads from either end of said bridge to the post road leading from Philadelphia to Baltimore; and when the said survey is made the president and directors may receive deeds of gifts of the ground so surveyed, if the proprietors be inclined to make donations, and if not, and a price cannot be agreed upon by the parties or if the proprietors be minors, feme coverts or insane, a jury of disinterested freeholders may be summoned at the instance of either party by the sheriff of the county where the lands lie, to view the said grounds, and upon oath or affirmation to value the same; of the meeting of which jury, ten days notice at least shall be given to the opposite party, and so proved to the satisfaction of the jury before they proceed to such valuation; and the same when made as aforesaid, shall be final.

**Record.**

8. *And be it enacted*, That when the said survey and valuation is made as aforesaid, and the proprietors paid for the property, or a tender made of the valuation so ascertained, the said survey, with all the proceedings thereon, shall within six months after its completion be recorded both in Cecil and Harford county court offices, and remain a perpetual testimony of a fee simple title in the president and directors aforesaid, and their successors, of the property mentioned in said survey, to and for the use and benefit of the stockholders in said company, as tenants in common in proportion to their respective shares of said stock, and the said president and directors and their successors, shall be and are hereby accordingly vested (for the use aforesaid) with an estate in fee simple in the property to be included within such survey, or to be acquired by contract and deeds in pursuance of this act: Provided nevertheless, that nothing shall be done by the said company to interrupt the navigation of said river, more than what may unavoidably arise from the erecting, repairing or rebuilding the said bridge; and the said bridge when erected, shall be, and is hereby declared a public highway forever thereafter, subject however to the provisions contained in this act.

**Proviso.**

**Procure materials.**

9. *And be it enacted* That it shall and may be lawful to, and for the president and directors aforesaid, for the time being, their agents and servants, to enter into, and upon the lands near to where the said bridge is to be built, and take stone, gravel or