

deem necessary to provide against the decay, and for the repairing the said bridge or bridges; and shall on every first Monday in July and January of every year, publish the dividend to be made of the said clear profits thereof among the stockholders; and also the time and place when and where the same shall be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly.

Damages.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons owning the ferry across the Potomac river, at or near the town of Williamsport, in Washington county, Maryland, shall be deprived of any rights, or otherwise injured by the provisions of this act, said person or persons shall be entitled, upon application in proper form and to the proper authority, to have the damages sustained by him, her or them, in consequence of such deprivation or injury, assessed by a jury in the usual form for cases of damage made and provided; and said Williamsport and Potomac Bridge Company shall be answerable to said person or persons for said damages so ascertained, in common property held by such company under the provisions of this act.

Banking for-
bid.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed as to authorise said company to issue any note, token, scrip or device to be used as a currency; and the Legislature reserves to itself the right to alter, amend and repeal this charter at pleasure.

County com-
missioners
authorised to
subscribe.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That the county commissioners of Washington county, Maryland, as well as the county of Berkley, Virginia, or the proper authorities thereof, be, and the same are hereby authorised, each to subscribe to the capital stock of said bridge company an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Construction
of act.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorise said company to enter upon or use private property, or to interfere with the rights of any person or persons in the ferry aforesaid, until the damages ascertained by contract or a jury summoned as usual in such cases, shall have been first paid or tendered, and that said company shall not be authorised to obstruct any public road in Washington county, without the previous consent of the county commissioners for said county.

Reservation.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That this act may at any time, be altered, amended or repealed by the General Assembly of Maryland.