

profits, are vested perpetually in said company, and they are hereby exempted from the payment of all county and municipal taxes and charges whatsoever for the space of fifteen years from the organization of said company.

Exempted  
from taxation.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall empty or suffer to escape from their premises into said channel or canal, or into any water-way or tributary flowing into said channel, any earth, saw-dust, ballast or other substance obstructing the same, shall forfeit and pay the damages sustained therein, to be recovered before a Justice of the Peace or Court having cognizance thereof; and if any person or persons shall wilfully or maliciously injure any bank, causeway, dam, dike, wharf, building, vessel or machinery, such person or persons shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment, shall be liable to fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the Court having jurisdiction thereof.

Misdemeanor.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts heretofore passed, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Repealed.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That Edward White, John W. Henry and John B. Dale, who were appointed a Board of Commissioners by an act passed at the January session eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, chapter four hundred and thirty-six, entitled an act to fill the vacancies in the Board of Commissioners appointed by the act of eighteen hundred and forty, chapter two hundred and fifteen, entitled an act for cleaning out the Pocomoke river, by means of a lottery, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to invest all money or moneys now in their hands, bonds or interest on bonds, in the capital stock of said company.

Investment.