

CHAP. 121. directors, pull down, break or destroy, with intent to injure any part or parts of the said bridge, or of any abutment, pier or piers, or of any of the toll houses, gates, bars, or other property of the said corporation, appertenant to, or erected or made for, the use and convenience of the said bridge, or the persons employed in conducting the business thereof, or shall wilfully, without the orders and consent of the said corporation, or any person or persons authorised by them obliterate, deface or destroy the letters, figures or other characters, in any written or printed list of the rates or tolls affixed, or to be affixed, in any place or places for the information of passengers and others, or who shall wilfully and maliciously obstruct or impede the passage on or over the said bridge, or any part or parts thereof, he, she or they so offending shall, and each of them shall forfeit and pay to the said president, directors and company, not exceeding the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace in like manner, and subject to the same rules and regulations as debts under fifty dollars may be recovered; and he, she or they, so offending, may and shall remain liable to actions, at the suit of the president and directors, for further damages for such offence, if the said sum or sums herein mentioned be not sufficient to repair and satisfy such damages.

Penalty for firing guns, &c.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the president or directors of the said bridge, shall have authority, and they are hereby authorised to prohibit by notice, affixed upon some conspicuous part of said bridge, all persons from discharging any guns, muskets, or fire arms whatsoever upon the said bridge, under a penalty of five dollars for every such offence, to be recovered before any justice of the peace in Cecil county, to be applied to the use of said county.

Navigation protected.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That if at any time hereafter any obstructions to the navigation of the river Bohemia should arise from the erection of the bridge authorised to be built by this act, so as to impede the free passage of such boats or vessels as are or may be used on said river, the president or directors of said bridge shall be liable to indictment in the county court of Cecil county, for occasioning such obstructions, and upon conviction thereof, shall be adjudged by the court in which conviction takes place, to remove all such obstructions at his or their own expense, and if such obstructions shall not be removed agreeably to the judgment of said court, within sixty days thereafter, then it shall be the duty of said court upon proof of neglect or refusal of the president or directors of said bridge, to obey the judgment of said court within said period, to impose upon said president or directors such fine as they may deem adequate to the removal of such obstructions, to be collected, with the costs of prosecution, as other fines, and to be applied under the direction of said court, for the removal of said obstructions.

Time limited to commence & complete.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That if the aforesaid bridge be not commenced within one year, and completed within three