

of said company, in proper proportions of their respective shares.

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SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully, by any means whatsoever, injure, impair, or destroy any part of any rail road constructed by said company under this act, or any of their necessary works, buildings, carriages, vehicles, or machinery of said company, such person or persons so offending, shall each of them, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to the said company a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, which may be recovered in the name of the said company, by an action of debt, in the county court of the county wherein the offence shall be committed, and shall also be subject to indictment in said court, and upon conviction of such offence, shall be punished by fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Penalty for injury

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted*, That as soon as this act shall have been passed by the Legislature of Maryland, books may be opened, subscriptions received, and the said company organized; and that when organized, the said company, and the president and directors of the same, shall have all the powers, rights and privileges granted by this act, and shall be subject to all its regulations, in constructing or repairing any of the said rail roads, or other necessary works or buildings which can or may be constructed within the limits of the state of Maryland, and in transporting persons, goods, merchandise, or property of any description, along any of said roads, and that the provisions of this act shall be wholly in force as to all the property of the company which may be situated, or may be within the state of Maryland, and which said company is permitted to hold under this act.

This law in operation as to Md.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That full right and privilege is hereby reserved to the citizens of this state, or any company hereafter to be incorporated under the authority of this state, to connect with the road hereby provided, any other rail road leading from the main route to any part or parts of this state: *Provided*, That in forming such connection, no injury shall be done to the works of the company hereby incorporated, and the same right and privilege is hereby reserved to the citizens of Delaware, or to any company incorporated under the authority of that state, to connect with the rail road, hereby provided for any other rail road leading from the main route in that state, to any part or parts of that state: *Provided*, That in forming such connection no injury shall be done to the works of the company hereby incorporated.

Right to connect other roads reserved.

SEC. 24. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed so as to prevent the Legislature of this state from legislating upon the subject of the tolls reserved in this act at any time after the expiration of twenty years from the passage of this act: *Provided*, That at no time shall the toll be so regulated or reduced as to yield less than six per cent. per annum.

Future right to regulate tolls reserved

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted*, That unless said rail road is commenced within four years from the passage of this act,

Time limited to commence &amp; complete