

to draw any part of the profits from the said tolls; provided, that no transfer shall be made except for one or more whole share or shares.

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XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case any person holding any share or shares in the said corporation funds shall die intestate, the administrator or administrators of such intestate, or the survivor or survivors of them, shall hold the same interest in the said funds, and be entitled to all the benefits thereof, which the said intestate, in his life-time shall have had or held therein, and shall be and are hereby authorised and empowered to transfer the same, or make sale thereof, in his or their own name or names, and to be applied to such uses as the orphans court of the county where such person or persons shall obtain letters of administration on the said estate shall from time to time order and direct, according to the laws of the land.

Administrator may hold, &c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said company to keep the said bridge, when built, in good and constant repair, and to keep a sufficient number of hands at all times ready for the purpose of raising the said draws, in order to admit vessels to pass without delay through the said bridge, for which no price or reward shall be demanded by the said company, or their agents, and in case of any neglect, the president and directors for the time being may be indicted and fined as aforesaid.

Bridge to be kept in good repair, &c.

XVI. Whereas on the spot where it is intended to erect the said bridge a ferry is and has been kept for many years, and as it is just and reasonable that the proprietor or proprietors of said ferry be compensated for their relinquishment of the same to the bridge company aforesaid, BE IT ENACTED, That as soon as the said bridge shall be completed so as to admit passengers to use the same, it shall and may be lawful for the president and directors to contract with the proprietors of the present ferry, for the purchase thereof, for such sum or sums of money as the said president and directors, and proprietors, may agree upon, and in case of their disagreement, it shall and may be lawful for the said president and directors to choose five respectable disinterested men on their part, and the said proprietors to choose the like number of five respectable disinterested men on their part, which ten men, or a majority of them, after being duly qualified before some justice of the peace, truly and impartially to value and determine the probable worth of said ferry, which worth or valuation, the said jury of ten persons, or a majority of them, shall sign and seal, and deliver one copy thereof to the said president and directors, and another copy thereof to the said proprietors, and the sum or valuation so determined on by the said jury shall be taken in and considered as joint stock with said company, and the said proprietors be entitled to receive, on the said sum or sums, a like dividend of profits with any original subscriber, and the said proprietors to convey to the said president and directors an absolute fee-simple title to the said ferry and its respective landing places for ever.

President, &c. to contract, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said bridge is not begun before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and five, and rendered passable with security and convenience before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, then this act to be void in all its parts.

If not begun, &c. this act to be void, &c.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president and directors, before they proceed to the building of the said bridge, shall enter into a bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars, with good and sufficient securities, to be approved of by the levy court of Baltimore county, with condition, that in case of a failure to make and complete the said bridge, or an abandonment of the scheme by the said company, after the said bridge be begun, the said company shall entirely and effectually remove all obstructions which may have been placed or made in the said river by means of the work so begun and which may impede or injure the navigation thereof; and the said bond shall be recorded among the records of the general court of the western shore, and a copy of the said bond, authenticated in the usual manner under the seal of the court, and attested under the hand of the clerk of the said court, shall be received, at all times, as evidence to prove the execution of the said bond; and the said bond may be put in suit by and for the use of any person or persons who may be injured by a non-compliance on the part of the said company with the condition thereof; or in case the counties of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel should hereafter be under the necessity of removing such obstruction as aforesaid, which may be neglected to be removed by the said company, the expences thereof paid by each of the said counties shall and may be recovered by a suit or suits on the said bond, at the instance and for the use of the said counties respectively.

President, &c. to enter into bond, &c.

C H A P. CIV.

An ACT for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.

WHEREAS Daniel Knock and Trueman Hawley, of Kent county, Vachel Dorsey, of Johnzee, Jonathan Beard and Richard Chew, of Anne-Arundel county, Philip Trueman Briscoe, Thomas Trueman Greenfield, Benjamin S. Smoot, John Maddox, John F. Beall, Joseph Boarman,

Passed 7th of January, 1804. Preamble.