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neglect to pay such proportion at the time so appointed, and for the space of forty days thereafter, every such stockholder, or his assignee, shall, in addition to the dividend so called for, pay at the rate of three *per centum* per month for every delay of such payment, and if the same, and the said additional penalties, shall remain unpaid for such space of time that the accumulated penalties shall become equal to the sums before paid on account of such share or shares, the same shall be forfeited to the company, and shall be sold by them to any other person or persons willing to purchase the same, for the best price that can be obtained therefor.

Fair accounts
to be kept, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president and directors of the said company shall keep fair and just accounts of all monies received by them from the commissioners, and from the subscribers to the said undertaking, and of all penalties for delay in the payment thereof, and of the amount of the profits on shares that may be forfeited, and generally of all monies received by them for the purpose of erecting the said bridge, and also of all monies by them expended in the prosecution of the said work, and shall, at least once in every year, submit such accounts to a general meeting of the stockholders, until the said bridge be completed, and until all the costs, charges and expences, for effecting the same, shall be fully paid and discharged, and the aggregate amount of all such expences shall be liquidated and ascertained; and if, after the said bridge is completed, it shall be found that more monies shall remain in the hands of the treasurer than is necessary for the payment of all charges and expences incurred in and about erecting the said bridge, the surplus shall be returned as part of the dividend due and payable to the stockholders respectively.

Bridge to be
built in a se-
cure manner,
&c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said bridge shall be built in the most secure and substantial manner, and shall be secured and supported at each end by good and sufficient abutments, or piers, and shall be not less than twenty feet wide, with railing on each side thereof, with a footway on one side at least, three feet wide, railed off, for the convenient passage of foot passengers, and there shall be a draw in the said bridge at the deepest part of the channel, so as to afford a convenient passage to vessels up and down the said river, of at least twenty feet wide; and the president and directors for the time being shall keep a sufficient number of hands at all times ready for the purpose of raising the said draw, in order to admit vessels to pass through without delay or interruption, for which no reward shall be demanded or received, and in case of any neglect, the said president and directors may be indicted and fined in Kent or Queen-Anne's county courts, as for a common nuisance.

And vested in
the company,
&c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for and in consideration of the great risk and expences to be incurred by said company, not only for building the said bridge, but for keeping the same in continual repair; the said bridge, when built and completed according to the directions of this act; and all its profits, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said company for ever, to be held as tenants in common, in proportion to their respective shares; and it shall and may be lawful for the said directors, at all times hereafter, to demand and receive such reasonable tax or toll as they may from time to time agree on and require, provided they shall not at any time demand and receive more than the present rates of ferriage over Chester river, which rates or tolls shall at all times be made public, and shall not be altered or changed oftener than once in each year.

Penalty for de-
manding great-
er tolls, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said president and directors, or their successors, or any person by their authority, shall demand or receive any greater rates or tolls for passing over the said bridge than is herein before allowed, or shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good repair for the space of ten days at any one time, they so offending shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of thirty dollars, one half thereof for the use of Kent and Queen-Anne's counties respectively, and the other half for the use of the person who may sue for the same; provided, that no suit or action shall be brought unless within thirty days after such offence shall be committed.

President, &c.
to keep a just
account, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and directors shall keep a just and true account of all monies received by their several and respective collectors of tolls for crossing the said bridge, and shall make and declare a dividend of the profits and income thereof among all the stockholders, first deducting therefrom all contingent costs and charges, and such proportions of the said income as they may deem necessary to provide against the decay, and for repairing the said bridge, and shall, on every first Monday in June and January of every year, publish the dividend to be made of the said clear profits thereof among the stockholders, and of the time and place where and when the same shall be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly.

Penalty for in-
juring the
bridge, &c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall wilfully, or without the orders of the said president and directors, pull down, break or destroy, with intent to injure any part or parts