

CHAP. 24S. merchandise; and for every description of property entrusted to their care, the company shall hold themselves liable, the dangers of the sea and fire alone excepted.

Appoint agents in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

SEC. 11. And be it enacted, That the said company shall establish and appoint good and trusty agents in the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia, who shall dispose of all such grain, marketing or any kind of country produce to the best advantage, and who shall use all diligence to obtain the highest market rates, and who shall make use of every exertion to promote the interests and advantages of all such agriculturalists as may entrust their produce to the care of the company; the said company to receive or allow their agent such compensation or such commissions on purchases or sales as is usual to allow or to be received in such cases.

Right of action

SEC. 12. And be it enacted, That nothing in this act shall be construed to impair the rights of any person or persons to an action against said company, their agents, workmen or servants, for any damage done to his, her, or their property or persons.

Report semi-annually.

SEC. 13. And be it enacted, That the president and directors of said company, shall cause a report to be made semi-annually to the stockholders of said company, showing the amount expended by said company in the purchase or construction of boats, wharves, warehouses, the amount of freights, commissions and passage received, and the amount of expenses incurred during the same period; and that the said president and directors shall semi-annually, at such times and places as the by-laws of said company shall direct, make and declare a dividend of the nett profits of said company; and whereas, it appears to this General Assembly, that the creation of a steam freighting company, having for its object the accommodation of the farming interest, is well calculated to develop the agricultural resources of a large part of the State situated on the waters of the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries, to enhance the value of real estate, and thereby increase the revenue of the Commonwealth, and this General Assembly in full view of all these results, and earnestly desiring their accomplishment, is willing by proper inducements, to stimulate individual energy and individual wealth, to the formation of a company having for its object such public benefits—therefore,

Declare dividend of nett profits.

Transport passengers, &c.

SEC. 14. And be it enacted, That said company shall have full power to transport passengers and freight of every description, via the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, to and from the cities of Baltimore and Philadel-

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