

CHAP. 191. Washington Mosely, Cornelius R. Long, David Vanmetre, George Cunningham, William Seymour, Nathaniel Key Rendall, John Vandever and William Hull, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, with power to supply any vacancy that may occur by death, resignation or otherwise, that is to say, they or a majority of them, after twenty days notice in one or more of the daily papers printed in the county town of Allegany county, Maryland, shall or may open a book or books at such place or places as they may designate, for raising subscriptions to construct a bridge across the North Branch of the Potomac river, at or near the mouth of New creek, and thereupon they shall proceed to receive subscriptions for the capital stock of said company, which is hereby limited at ten thousand dollars, to be divided into four hundred shares of twenty-five dollars each, and the said book or books shall be kept open for six consecutive days, and in case of an excess of subscription, the commissioners shall deduct from the largest in such manner that no one shall be reduced while any remains larger, and if the whole number of shares shall not have been subscribed for within that time the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall give notice as aforesaid of the time and place or places when and where they will receive subscriptions for the remaining shares.

Books to be opened.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to contract for and cause to be erected the bridge aforesaid, and are hereby authorised to select such site for said bridge, as they, or a majority of them shall, in their judgment, deem most safe and convenient, and they, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to agree with and appoint such engineer, superintendents and other officers as they shall think necessary to construct the said bridge, and to contract and agree for materials and all such articles as they may deem necessary, and they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised to draw upon the treasurer of said company for all money to pay the wages of persons by them employed, and for the materials and labor done.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That every person at the time of subscribing shall pay the attending commissioner or commissioners five dollars for every share by him or her subscribed for, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses for taking subscriptions and other incidental charges, and the remainder shall be paid over to

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