

## CHAPTER 292.

Passed March  
10, 1856.

**A SUPPLEMENT** to an act to incorporate a company for building a bridge over Choptank river, at or near Denton Ferry, passed at December session eighteen hundred and eleven, chapter one hundred and thirty-nine, and supplements thereto.

Preamble.

**WHEREAS**, the Denton Bridge Company have suffered great damage and loss by reason of the carelessness of captains of vessels going through the drawbridge with sails set and without due care and caution, frequently running into and against the bridge, and thereby rendering it impassable for travellers; therefore,

Captains re-  
quired to low-  
er and take in  
sail.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all captains, owners, masters and sailors of vessels going through the said drawbridge hereafter shall be required to lower and take in as much sail as shall be necessary to prevent damage by carelessness before going through the same, and at a sufficient distance therefrom to remove liability of injury or damage to said drawbridge, by the headway of such vessels, and shall use in the management of said vessels reasonable care to prevent injury.

To walk horses  
across bridge.

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted* That all persons passing over said bridge on horseback, in carriages, cart, waggons, sleigh or other vehicles shall be required to put their horses in a walk; otherwise to be fined two dollars for each and every such offence.

Penalty.

**SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted,* That any person or persons by reason of gross neglect or inattention shall violate the first section of this act shall be fined twenty dollars for each and every such offence (the said fines to be recoverable before a Justice of the Peace,) and pay all damages that may be done to the said bridge.

In force

**SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted,* That the said act shall go into full force from its passage.