

CHAP. 172. tate for above seven years, and which have been or shall hereafter be acknowledged before the chief judge, or an associate judge of any judicial district within this state, shall notwithstanding the same have been or shall hereafter be acknowledged neither in the judicial district where the lands lie, nor where the grantors, bargainors, or donors reside, have the same effect and validity as if such deeds had been acknowledged before the chief judge, or an associate judge of the judicial district where the lands lie, or the grantors, bargainors, or donors reside; *Provided*, that in every other respect the said deeds have been and shall hereafter be executed, acknowledged and recorded, agreeably to the laws heretofore made on this subject.

Proviso

CHAP. CLXXIII.

Passed Feb 14 1821 An Act to incorporate a Company to erect a Bridge over the Patuxent River.

Preamble

WHEREAS the convenience and interest of the public would be greatly promoted by erecting a bridge over the Patuxent river, at or near a place called the Green Landing; Therefore,

Subscription
books to be opened

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be lawful to open books at the town of Upper Marlborough, under the direction of William Hill, John R. Magruder and David Crawford, or any two of them; at Queen-Anne, under the direction of Francis M. Hall, William Wootton and John Contee, or any two of them; at Bladensburgh, under the direction of George Calvert, Joseph Kent and Dudley Diggs, or any two of them; at Nottingham, under the direction of Philemon Chew, Jr. Robert W. Bowie and John R. Magruder, Jr. or any two of them; at Pig Point, under the direction of Rezin Estep, Richard G. Hutton and Joseph M. Ceney, or any two of them; for receiving and entering subscriptions to the amount of six thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a toll bridge over the Patuxent river, which sum shall be divided into three hundred shares of twenty dollars each; every person at the time of subscribing shall pay to some one of the commissioners two dollars upon each share subscribed, and the said commissioners shall pay over what they have respectively received to the president and directors hereinafter mentioned, so soon as they may be appointed.

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2. *And be it enacted*, That the books aforesaid shall be opened in the places aforesaid on the first Monday of April next, or at such other time as the said commissioners may deem best, at such particular houses in said places as the commissioners aforesaid, in the places aforesaid, may appoint by public notice, which books shall be continued open for three successive days, and then be closed; and as soon as the books shall be closed in the respective places aforesaid, the several commissioners shall immediately send into the commissioners aforesaid for the town of Upper Marlborough, the amount subscribed for at the respective places aforesaid, with a list of the subscribers; and if it shall appear that three thousand dollars, or one hundred and fifty shares shall have been subscribed for, or whenever that amount and number of shares shall be subscribed for, the subscribers and stockholders, and those who may hereafter subscribe, shall be and are hereby made a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of The Patuxent Bridge Company, and as such may sue and be

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