

may appeal to the judges of the county court of Washington county, whose decision shall be final; and upon the said president and directors paying to said proprietor or proprietors the sum so assessed, the land on which said bridge may be abutted, and the privilege aforesaid, shall be forever vested in said company: *Provided always*, that if the said bridge shall be abutted on the land of any person or persons now owning a ferry over the river Potomac, then the value of such ferry shall be assessed to such person or persons in the damages aforesaid: *And provided also*, that the damages assessed shall be fully paid to the party entitled to receive the same, before the said company shall be entitled to exercise any act of possession or ownership on the land intended for the said abutment.

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Proviso.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all the rights and privileges of the stock-holders in said company, shall forever be free and common to the citizens of Maryland and Virginia, and that the proprietor or proprietors of the ferry and ferry landing at Shepherd's town, shall be permitted to subscribe on the day the books are first opened, the whole amount of the sum they may be entitled to receive as a compensation for their property taken by the company aforesaid, or any part thereof, any thing in this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Rights and privileges to be in common — proprietor of land may subscribe.

CHAPTER 226.

*An act relating to the acknowledgments and effect of deeds made by corporate bodies.* Passed Feb. 22 1822.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland*, That every deed which shall hereafter be made by any corporate body, for the conveyance, alienation, mortgage, release, assignment, transfer or sale, of any lands, tenements, goods, chattels, rights, claims or effects within this state, or of any estate, claim or interest therein, may be acknowledged before the person or persons authorised by law to take the acknowledgments of similar deeds made by individuals, by attorney constituted and authorised by a clause in such deed, or by letter of attorney under the seal of such corporate body; and every such deed which shall hereafter be so acknowledged and recorded according to law, shall be deemed and construed in law and in equity as valid and effectual, and of as much force in conveying, mortgaging, selling, assigning, transferring and releasing any estate, right, title, interest or claim therein expressed, or thereby intended to be conveyed, aliened, mortgaged, sold, assigned, transferred or released, as if such deed had been or were duly executed and acknowledged by any individual citizen of this state having or being seized, possessed or entitled to the same estate, right, interest or claim as such corporate body in and to such lands, tenements, goods, chattels, rights, claims or effects, and recorded agreeably to law.

How to be acknowledged.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for all incorporated bodies in this state, which are not by law authorised to make a common seal, to make one and to use the same in all acts where it is necessary by law to use the same.

Seal.