

satisfied with the decision of the commissioners aforesaid, either party 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 for ever 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.

Provisos.

Rates of toll allowed when bridge is completed.

8. *And be it enacted*, That as soon as said bridge shall be completed, it shall be lawful for the corporation aforesaid to demand and receive the following tolls and rates for passing the same; that is to say, for a man, horse, mule or work ox, six and one quarter cents; for all wagons, carts, or carriages, twelve and one half cents per wheel; for every head of neat cattle, four cents; and for every sheep, hog, or goat, two cents, and no more; and if the collector of the tolls shall demand and receive from any person or persons for passing said bridge, more than is hereby allowed, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay to the party aggrieved five dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace in Maryland or Virginia; and any person or persons attempting forcibly to pass said bridge, without paying toll, or refusing to pay the same after having passed, shall be liable to a like penalty, to be recovered in manner aforesaid, for the use of said corporation.

Dividends to be declared every six months.

9. *And be it enacted*, That the president and directors aforesaid shall, at the end of every six months from the time said bridge shall be completed, after defraying all necessary and proper expenses and charges, declare the dividends due to each stockholder, which shall be paid by the treasurer upon the order of the board of directors.

Transfers, how to be made.

10. *And be it enacted*, That the shares of stock shall be transferable only on the books of the corporation in such manner as the board of directors may direct.

President and directors to make by-laws, &c.

11. *And be it enacted*, That the stockholders at every general meeting shall have power to make and ordain all such by-laws, rules and regulations, as they may think necessary for the well ordering the business of said corporation, not contrary to the constitution or laws of the United States, or of the states of Maryland or Virginia.

Election of directors to be by ballot.

12. *And be it enacted*, That the election of directors shall be by ballot, and before every election the directors for the time being shall appoint three stockholders, not being directors, to conduct the election, who or a majority of them, shall receive and count the ballots, and declare in writing the persons elected to serve as directors for the then ensuing year.

If amount subscribed should not be sufficient, books may be opened for an additional amount of stock.

13. *And be it enacted*, That if it should be found that the amount which may be subscribed for, or the amount authorised to be subscribed for as aforesaid, shall not be sufficient to complete said bridge, the president and directors shall have power to direct books to be opened at such times, and such places, and under the direction