

president and managers, or to an officer appointed by them, in such sums and at such times as they may appoint, provided two months notice of the instalment required be previously given. CHAP. 102.

7. *And be it enacted,* That the president and managers be and they are hereby authorised, to appoint three commissioners, who, or a majority of whom agreeing, shall lay out the said road in the nearest and best directions, from the public square in Hager's-Town, to intersect the turnpike authorised to be made by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania from Gettysburg, in Adams county, through Nicholson's Gap, to the division line between the state of Maryland and Pennsylvania, and after having laid out and marked said road, shall make out a plot of the same, specifying the course and distance, and return the said plot to the president and managers; and said commissioners, before they proceed to act, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, before some justice of the peace: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will lay out and mark The Hager's-Town and Antietam Turnpike Road, according to the best of my skill and judgment, agreeably to the direction of this act, and that I am not interested in any land through which said road is likely to pass."

President and managers to appoint commissioners to lay out said roads &c.

8. *And be it enacted,* That the said company shall open said road from the public square in Hager's-Town, according to the location of the commissioners aforesaid, sixty feet wide, of which at least twenty feet wide shall be an artificial road, composed of stone or gravel, and erect and keep up bridges over streams crossing the same.

Road to be laid out sixty feet wide twenty feet whereof to be composed of stone, &c.

9. *And be it enacted,* That said company shall be and hereby are invested and clothed with all the rights, immunities and advantages, which are held and possessed by the turnpike company incorporated by an act passed November session eighteen hundred and twelve, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the district of Columbia to the city of Baltimore, and entitled to the same tolls, as therein prescribed.

Rights and immunities of company

10. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for any corporation or body politic in the United States to become stockholders in said company.

Any corporation or body politic may subscribe.

11. *And be it enacted,* That if the said company do not proceed to carry on the said work within three years after the passage of this act, or shall not within ten years thereafter complete the said road, it shall be lawful for the legislature of this state to resume the rights, privileges and franchises, by this act granted to the said company.

If company do not proceed to carry on work within three years state to resume rights, &c.

CHAPTER 103.

An act for the preservation of the navigation of a branch of Nanticoke River, called North West Fork, in Dorchester county.

Passed Feb 6 1812

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that wears and hedges have of late been erected in and across the north west fork branch of the said river, in Dorchester county, from the Chimney Landing up to the north west fork bridge, to the great injury of the navigation of said river, therefore,

Preamble.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all wears and hedges already made, or hereafter to be made, in

Wears and hedges erected so as to stop vessels, declared nuisances.