

And if erected where the public road passes below the dam, shall make a good and sufficient causeway across the branch 12 feet wide, and make a good and substantial bridge over the mill tail, and keep the same in good repair; on forfeiture of 20l. current money for refusal or neglect to comply with this act; one half to the county charge, the other to the informer.—1753, c. 16, § 2.

2. Owners, &c. of mills erected or to be erected on any branch below the places where any public road shall cross, by the building whereof such public road shall be any way injured, or its passage obstructed, &c. shall within three months after building such mill, make good bridges and causeways 12 feet wide at the least over such branches or runs, at the place where the public road crossed such branches, &c. and the same maintain and keep in good repair, on penalty of 20l. currency, and the like sum for every two months neglect thereafter, one half to the county charge, the other to the informer. 1756, c. 12, § 2, 3.

3. Nothing in the act for draining of land, &c. shall be construed to affect the rights of the owners of water mills, nor shall any commissioner, under this act, have power to lay out a ditch to draw of the water from any water mill.—1790, c. 3, § 9.

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF THE PROTESTANT CLERGY.

THE protestant episcopal clergy, in this act named, and such other clergymen of the said church as may become residents of this state, and contributors to the funds of the corporation herein erected, are declared to be, a body politic, for ever, by the name of "The corporation for the relief of the widows and children of the clergy of the protestant episcopal church in Maryland;" and by the same name they, and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and at all times, shall and may purchase, have and enjoy, to them and their successors in fee, or for any less estate, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions, goods and chattels, not exceeding the clear yearly value of 15,000 dollars, clear of taxes, to meet on the 4th Tuesday in May every year, and at such other times, as may be necessary for carrying into effect the pious purposes of this act, and in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities, as are necessary, to execute all things touching the design and intent thereof, for the benefit, succour and relief, of the widows of such clergymen of the protestant episcopal church, as may become contributors to the funds of the said corporation, agreeable to such rules and bye-laws as may be established for the management and payment of annuities to the said widows, and for the education of their children, and settling them in some useful business or profession. 1784, c. 78.