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shall be entered on the said company's books; and at such yearly general meetings, after leaving in the hands of the treasurer such sum as the proprietors, or a majority of them, shall judge necessary for repairs and contingent charges, an equal dividend of all the net profits arising from the tolls hereby granted shall be ordered and made to and among all the proprietors of the said company, in proportion to their several shares; and upon any emergency, in the interval between the said yearly meetings, the said president, or a majority of the said directors, may appoint a general meeting of the proprietors of the said company, at any convenient town, giving at least one month's previous notice in the Maryland and Virginia gazettes, which meeting may be adjourned and continued as aforesaid.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for and in consideration of the expences the said proprietors will be at, not only in cutting the said canals, erecting locks and other works for opening the different falls of the said river, and in improving and extending the navigation thereof, but in maintaining and keeping the same in repair, the said canals and works, with all their profits, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said proprietors, their heirs and assigns for ever, as tenants in common, in proportion to their respective shares, and the same shall be deemed real estate, and be for ever exempt from payment of any tax, imposition or assessment whatsoever; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said president and directors, at all times for ever hereafter, to demand and receive, at the nearest convenient place below the mouth of the South branch, and at or near Payne's falls, (a) and at or above the Great falls, (b) of the river Patowmack, and every of those places separately, for all commodities transported through either of them respectively, tolls according to the following table and rates, to wit:

Canals, &c.
vested in pro-
prietors, &c.

	Sterling		
	At the mouth of the South branch.	At Payne's falls.	At the Great falls.
Every pipe or hoghead of wine containing more than sixty-five gallons,	0 1 6	0 1 6	0 3 0
Every hoghead of rum or other spirits,	0 1 3	0 1 3	0 2 6
Every hoghead of tobacco,	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 2 0
Every cask between sixty-five and thirty-five gallons; one half of a pipe or hoghead; barrels, one fourth part; and smaller casks or kegs in proportion, according to the quality and quantity of their contents of wine or spirits.			
For casks of linsed oil, the same as spirits.			
Every bushel of wheat, peas, beans or flax-seed,	0 0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 0 1
Every bushel of Indian corn or other grain, or salt,	0 0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Every barrel of pork,	0 0 6	0 0 6	0 1 0
Every barrel of beef,	0 0 4	0 0 4	0 0 8
Every barrel of flour,	0 0 3	0 0 3	0 0 6
Every tun of hemp, flax, pot-ash, bar or manufactured iron,	0 2 6	0 2 6	0 5 0
Every tun of pig-iron or castings,	0 0 10	0 0 10	0 1 8
Every tun of copper, lead or other ore, other than iron ore,	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 4 0
Every tun of stone or iron ore,	0 0 5	0 0 5	0 0 10
Every hundred bushels of lime,	0 1 3	0 1 3	0 2 6
Every chaldron of coals,	0 0 5	0 0 5	0 0 10
Every hundred pipe staves,	0 0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Every hundred hoghead staves, or pipe or hoghead heading,	0 0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 3
Every hundred barrel staves, or barrel heading,	0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 2
Every hundred cubic feet of plank or scantling,	0 0 10	0 0 10	0 1 8
Every hundred cubic feet of other timber,	0 0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 11
Every gross hundred weight of all other commodities or packages,	0 0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 3
And every empty boat or vessel which has not commodities on board to yield so much, except an empty boat or vessel returning, whose load has already paid at the respective places the sums fixed at each, in which case she is to pass toll free,	0 2 6	0 2 6	0 5 0

Which

(a) By 1790, ch. 35, the tolls may be received at or near Hook's falls, instead of Payne's falls.
 (b) One third of the tolls, (until the whole is payable,) may be demanded, &c. at the Great falls, and also at or near the mouth of Watts's branch, by 1790, ch. 35.