

this act becomes part of the constitution, a member both of congress and the legislature of this state, or who now holds, or may hold at the time when this act becomes part of the constitution, an office as aforesaid, both under this state and the United States, shall be affected by this act, if, within fifteen days after the same shall become part of the constitution, he shall resign his seat in congress, or his office held under the United States; and if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, according to the constitution and form of government, that in such case this alteration and amendment of the constitution and form of government shall constitute and be valid as part thereof, and every thing therein contained repugnant to, or inconsistent with this alteration and amendment, shall be repealed and abolished.

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This act was confirmed by 1792, ch. 22, and therefore has become valid as a part of the constitution of this state.

C H A P. LXXXI.

An ACT for erecting a bridge over Patowmack river. Lib. JG.
No. 1. fol. 531.

Passed 29th of
Dec. 1791.

Supplements 1791, ch. 89, 1797, ch. 41.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by Samuel Blodget, Robert Peter, William Deakins, junior, James M. Lingan and Uriah Forrest, that they, together with others, are desirous of forming a company for the purpose of erecting a bridge over the river Patowmack, at or near George-town: And whereas this general assembly approve the measure, which, if effected, will tend to facilitate the communication, and contribute to the convenience, of the citizens of the United States,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Samuel Blodget, Robert Peter, William Deakins, junior, James M. Lingan and Uriah Forrest, to open, or cause to be opened, books for receiving and entering subscriptions for the said undertaking, to the amount of one hundred and fifty shares, (a) at a rate not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds for each share, to be ascertained by the said Blodget, Peter, Deakins, Lingan and Forrest, and published in the Annapolis, Baltimore, George-town, and Alexandria news-papers, and Maryland Herald, two weeks previous to opening the said books, which subscriptions may be made personally, or by power of attorney; and whenever the said one hundred and fifty shares shall be subscribed, six weeks notice at least shall be given in the papers aforesaid, and in the Philadelphia news-papers, requiring a meeting of the subscribers at George-town, and a majority of such meeting, (provided at such meeting at least seventy-five shares shall be represented,) are hereby required and authorized to elect, by ballot, three of the said subscribers directors for managing all the concerns of the company for and during the residue of the then current year.

Books to be
opened, &c.

(a) Increased by ch. 89 to four hundred shares.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said subscribers, and their heirs and assigns, from the time of the said first meeting, shall be and are hereby declared to be incorporated by the name of the George-town Bridge Company, and may sue and be sued as such; and the proprietors are hereby required to meet at George-town on the first Monday of January in every year thereafter, and elect three directors for the purpose of conducting and managing the concerns of the said company for one year; and the first election, as well as in every election for ever thereafter, each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote for every share, and any proprietor may, by writing, under his hand and seal, and signed in the presence of two witnesses, depute any other proprietor to vote for and act as his proxy.

Subscribers in-
corporated, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said directors, or any two of them, shall and may require any sum or sums of money, in equal proportion, from each and every proprietor, as may from time to time be necessary for carrying on the building of the said bridge, and, after giving three months public notice, it shall and may be lawful for the directors to sue for and recover, in the name of the company, such unpaid requisition, with all costs and charges incidental thereto, and legal interest thereon from the time the same should have been paid; and the neglect or refusal to pay any such requisition, after public notice shall have been given at least for three months in all the news-papers herein before enumerated, shall have the effect to forfeit all preceding payments made on the share or shares so neglected or refused to be paid, to the use and benefit of the company.

Directors may
require sums,
&c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for and in consideration of their great risk, and the expences to be incurred by the said proprietors, not only for building the said bridge, but for keeping the same

Bridge vested,
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