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ministrators or legatee, to make the payment that may be required as aforesaid, shall not have the effect to forfeit immediately the said preceding payments made by the said stockholder in his life-time, but the said executor, administrator or legatee, shall have one whole year next after the day of the said death to make the payments required.

Bridge to be
built in a sub-
stantial man-
ner, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said bridge shall be built in the most secure and substantial manner, shall be secured and supported at each end by good and sufficient abutments or piers of stone, and shall be not less than twenty feet wide, and that there shall be a draw in the aforesaid bridge, sufficient to admit vessels to pass and repass, of at least thirty feet wide; and as soon as the said bridge shall be completed as aforesaid, the directors for the time being shall forthwith transmit to the governor and council a full and fair account, supported by proper vouchers, of the cost of said bridge, and shall annually transmit to the governor and council a yearly account, on oath, or affirmation, of the tolls received and expences incurred on said bridge.

And vested in
the corporati-
on, &c.

VI. 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 in continual repair, the said bridge, when built and completed according to the directions of this act, and all its profits, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said corporation for ever, subject to the provisions herein after contained; and it shall and may be lawful for the said directors, at all times hereafter, for the term of thirty years after the said bridge shall be completed as aforesaid, so as to entitle them to tolls; to demand and receive such reasonable tax, or toll, as they may from time to time agree on and require, provided they shall not, at any time, demand or receive more than the present rates of ferriage over the Eastern branch, which rates or toll shall at all times be made public, and shall not be altered or changed oftener than once in each year, and at the expiration of the said term of thirty years, the said directors shall receive such tolls as shall be regulated by the legislature of this state, or of the United States; and provided also, that whensoever at any time after the expiration of the said thirty years from the completion of the said bridge, it shall seem expedient to the legislature of this state to make the said bridge, and tolls so established, the property of the state, by a law to be enacted for that purpose, three commissioners shall be appointed by the legislature on the part of the state, and three by the corporation aforesaid, who, or any four or more of them, shall examine their accounts, and estimate what sum of money the said corporation have expended in building and repairing said bridge, and received from the tolls thereof, and the sum, if any, necessary to be added to their receipts to reimburse the said corporation the sums by them expended as aforesaid, with an interest of fifteen *per cent.* thereon *per annum*, which said sum being paid to the said corporation, then the said bridge and tolls shall immediately thereon be the property of the state.

Proprietor may
transfer, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for every proprietor to transfer his or her share or shares by deed executed before two witnesses, who shall prove the execution thereof before some judge or justice, and registered in the said company's books, and not otherwise, except by devise, which devise, or an attested copy thereof, shall also be exhibited to the directors, and registered in the company's books, before the devisee or devisees shall be entitled to draw any part of the profits from the said tolls; provided, that no transfer shall be made except for one or more whole share or shares.

Administrator
may hold, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case any person holding any share or shares in the said corporation funds shall die intestate, the administrator or administrators of such intestate, or the survivor or survivors of them, shall hold the same interest in the said funds, and be entitled to all the benefits thereof which the said intestate, in his life-time, shall have had or held therein, and shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to transfer the same, or make sale thereof, in his or their own name or names, and to be applied to such uses as the orphans court of the county where such person or persons shall obtain letters of administration on the said estate shall from time to time order and direct, according to the laws of the land.

Bridge to be
kept in repair,
&c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said company to keep the said bridge, when built, in good and constant repair, and to keep a sufficient number of hands at all times ready for the purpose of raising the said draw, in order to admit vessels to pass without delay through the said bridge, for which no price or reward shall be demanded by the said company, or their agents, and in case of any neglect, the directors for the time being may be indicted, and fined therefor as for a public nuisance, in Prince-George's county court, and the said court shall give it in charge to the grand jury of said county, to inquire into the breaches of this act; and the said company shall also