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copies from such transcribed records shall be admissible in evidence, in the same manner as if taken from the original books.

Justices to levy
money, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of Baltimore county court shall levy and assess on the assessable property of Baltimore county, for rebuilding two of the bridges over Jones's Falls, in Baltimore-town, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, with the usual commission to the sheriff for collection, to be collected with the county levy in the years seventeen hundred and ninety-seven and seventeen hundred and ninety-eight; which sum of one thousand pounds shall be inclusive of the sums of money heretofore levied for the repair of the three bridges over Jones's Falls, in said town; and all money heretofore levied for the repair of the lower bridge, and now unappropriated, shall be applied to the rebuilding of the middle and upper bridges; and the sums levied and collected in virtue of this act, and any former law, shall be paid, in equal proportions, to the commissioners herein after named.

Commissioners
appointed, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That John Merryman, James Edwards and Charles Jessop, or any two of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners to contract for rebuilding the upper bridge, and Harry Dorsey Gough, Henry Nichols and Peter Diffindaffer, or any two of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for rebuilding the middle bridge; and in case any vacancy shall happen in the said appointment of commissioners, before the said bridges shall be rebuilt, the justices of Baltimore county court shall supply such vacancy, so often as need may require, until the accomplishment of the object intended by this act.

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An ACT to incorporate a company for building a bridge over Jones Falls, in Baltimore-town. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 508.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the erecting of a good stone or brick bridge over Jones Falls, in Baltimore-town, at the place commonly known by the name of the Lower Bridge, would add greatly to the convenience and improvement of the said town, and essentially promote the interest of the same; therefore,

J. O'Donnell,
&c. to receive
subscriptions,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That John O'Donnell, Thomas M'Eldery, Cumberland Dugan, Richard Lawton and Richard Caton, be appointed to receive subscriptions for erecting said bridge; and that three weeks notice be given in one of the public papers of Baltimore-town of the time and place of opening said subscription, and that the same be kept open until the whole number of shares be subscribed.

Ten thousand
dollars to be
raised, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the capital stock, be raised in the manner aforesaid, for the above purpose, and that the said stock be divided into one hundred shares of one hundred dollars each, and that as soon as sixty shares shall be subscribed, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall call a meeting of the stockholders, who shall proceed in person, or by proxy, to the election, by ballot, of seven directors, who shall have full power and authority to contract for the building of the said bridge, and to do all other things appertaining thereto, agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Directors to elect
a president,
&c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said directors shall elect one of their number to act as president, who shall, with the directors, continue in office one year; and the said stockholders, in one year after the day on which the election shall be first made, and on the same day in every year thereafter, except the same shall happen on a Sunday, in that case on the day succeeding, shall elect, by ballot, from among the stockholders, seven persons as directors, and every stockholder shall be eligible as a director; and the president and directors for the time being shall give public notice for a new election, at least ten days previous to the expiration of the time for which they were elected.

President, &c.
to keep a just
account, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and directors shall keep a just and true account of all and every the monies received by their collector for tolls, and shall declare and make a dividend of the profits thereof among the stockholders, on every first Monday in April and October, of which public notice shall be given; provided nevertheless, that no division of profits shall exceed fifteen per centum per annum.

To be laid before
the court,
&c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and directors, after the bridge aforesaid shall be completed, shall annually, on the first Monday in June, lay before the court of Baltimore county a just