

C H A P. XLV. state an abstract of their accounts, shewing the whole amount of their capital expended in prosecution of the said work, and of the profits and income arising from said toll for and during the said respective periods, together with an exact account of the costs and charges of keeping the said road in repair, and all other contingent cost and charges, to the end that the clear annual income and profits thereof may be ascertained and known; and if, at the end of three years after the said road shall be completed from the beginning to the end thereof, it shall appear, from the average profits of the said three years, that the said income and profits thereof will not bear a dividend of fifteen *per centum per annum* on the whole capital stock of the said company so expended, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said president and directors to increase the tolls herein allowed so much upon each and every allowance thereof as will raise the dividends up to fifteen *per centum per annum*, in which increase they shall be regulated by the net profits of the preceding year.

Tolls may be reduced, &c. XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case the said tolls, as hereby first established, shall, in any one year from and after the term of three years after the completion of the said road, exceed in net profits the sum of fifteen *per centum per annum*, then the legislature may, at any subsequent session, and from time to time, reduce the said tolls, provided, that when thus reduced they shall not yield in net profits a less sum than fifteen *per centum per annum*, and in making such reduction they shall be governed by the average of the clear income and profits arising from the tolls of the three years next preceding such reduction.

C H A P. XLVI.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1801.

An ACT, entitled, An act to enable John Sprigg Belt, James Walker and Archibald Dorsey, to complete the collection of the county tax in certain districts in Anne-Arundel county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS John Sprigg Belt, James Walker and Archibald Dorsey, securities of Robert Conn for the collection of the county tax in certain districts in Anne-Arundel county for the year seventeen hundred and ninety, have set forth by their petition to this general assembly, that there is still uncollected in the districts for which they became securities, in the county aforesaid, a considerable sum of money, which money the said Conn was unable to collect by reason of the yellow fever in the city of Baltimore, and pray that they may be allowed a longer time to complete said collection; therefore,

J. S. Belt, &c. may collect, &c. II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said John Sprigg Belt, James Walker and Archibald Dorsey, the survivor or survivors of them, be and they are hereby authorised to collect all balances left uncollected as aforesaid, at any time before the first day of October next, in the same manner as the said Robert Conn might have done while he was collector, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

To deliver an account, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said John Sprigg Belt, James Walker and Archibald Dorsey, the survivor or survivors of them, shall deliver to the persons chargeable with the same, an account, written in words of full length, of the taxes demands of them, with an annexed affidavit, if required, that the said Robert Conn hath not received, nor have they received, any part thereof, nor any thing as security or satisfaction for the same, more than credits given, to the best of their knowledge.

And lodge the collector's books, &c.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said John Sprigg Belt, James Walker and Archibald Dorsey, before they derive any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge the said Robert Conn's collector's books in the clerk's office of Anne-Arundel county, to be open to the inspection of all persons interested in the same.

C H A P. XLVII.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1801.

An ACT incorporating a society for the maintenance and education of poor female children, by the name of The Female Humane Association Charity School.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears that sundry persons in the city of Baltimore did, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, associate themselves together for the humane and laudable purpose of maintaining and educating poor female children of every denomination,