

on the canal being increased by law; and the same being considered reasonable, and conducive to the interest of the state, therefore,

C H A P. CII.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, by ordinance or ordinances, to increase the tolls upon the said canal not exceeding quadruple the sum at which they are respectively fixed by the act, entitled, A supplement to the act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, and to collect and receive the said tolls so increased, and to compel the payment thereof in the manner prescribed by the third section of the aforesaid supplement, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-four.

Tolls may be increased, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the third section of an act, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, and which imposes the half tolls on the bed of said river, shall be and the same is hereby annulled, repealed and abrogated, for ever.

Section repealed.

C H A P. CIII.

An ACT to erect a bridge over the river Patapsco.

Passed 7th of January, 1804. Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel counties, that the safety and convenience of the public would be greatly promoted by erecting a permanent bridge over the Patapsco river, at the place where the lower ferry on said river is now established, and praying that a law may pass to incorporate a company for that purpose; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That William Goodwin, Peter Hoffman, junior, and Cumberland Dugan, of the city of Baltimore, and Richard Cromwell, Henry Hall Dorsey and Thomas Lee, of Anne-Arundel county, or any two of them, be and are hereby appointed commissioners to open, or cause to be opened, books for receiving and entering subscriptions for erecting said bridge, and that three weeks notice be given in one of the Baltimore news-papers, and also in the Annapolis news-paper, of the times and places of opening the said subscription books, and that the same be kept open until the whole number of shares be subscribed.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sum of ninety thousand dollars, for the capital stock, be raised in the manner aforesaid for the above purpose, and that the said stock be divided into nine hundred shares, of one hundred dollars each, and that as soon as five hundred 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.

Capital stock to be raised, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said stockholders, and their successors, from the time of the said first meeting, shall be and are hereby declared to be incorporated, by the name of The Baltimore and Anne-Arundel Bridge Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered.

Stockholders incorporated, &c.

V. 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 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.

Directors to elect a president, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and directors shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to appoint a treasurer during their pleasure, who, within ten days after his appointment, and before he proceeds to act as such, shall give bond, with approved security, to the said president and directors, in such sum as they shall appoint, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

President, &c. to appoint a treasurer, &c.

VII. 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

And keep a just account, &c.