

vessels navigating said river above said bridge to lie at security, and all vessels waiting for a passage through the said draw may be at such wharf free of charge, until a suitable opportunity offers of passing through said draw; and the said company shall, at their own cost and without toll, cause the draw or passage way to be hoisted or removed without delay for the passage of all vessels with masts that are unable to pass under the same, and if, through the unskilfulness or negligence of the person or persons employed by the said company to hoist or remove the said draw, any vessel shall be unjustly or unreasonably hindered, delayed, or shall be damaged in her hull, spars or rigging, in passing the said draw, the said company shall be liable to the master, or the owner or owners of such vessel, for damages, to be ascertained and recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction; and the said company shall constantly keep the said bridge furnished with four good lamps, to be well supplied with oil, and lighted in due season, and be kept burning through the night, under the penalty of five dollars for each offence, to be recovered by warrant, before any justice of the peace, by such person or persons as shall sue for the same.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the shares in said company shall be deemed personal and not real property, and shall be liable to be attached or taken by *feri facias*, to satisfy the debt due from any individual holding such shares, in like manner as other personal property may be.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said corporation to keep the said bridge in repair, and if, in neglect of their said duty, the said corporation shall at any time suffer said bridge to be out of repair, so as to be unsafe or inconvenient for passengers, the said corporation shall be liable to be presented for such neglect before any court of competent jurisdiction, and upon conviction thereof to pay to the state of Maryland a penalty, not exceeding five hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court, and shall be responsible for all damages which may be sustained by any person or persons in consequence of such want of repair, to be recovered in an action or actions of trespass on the case, in any court competent to try the same.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in consideration of the risk and expense to be incurred by the said company in erecting the said bridge, and keeping the same in repair, the said bridge, and all the profits of the same, shall be and hereby are vested in the president and directors aforesaid, and their successors, to and for the use and benefit of the stockholders aforesaid, in proportion to their respective shares of stock in the said company, and the same shall be and remain exempt from any tax or appraisement whatever.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said president and directors for the time being, to demand and receive tolls at the said bridge, not exceeding the following rates, which tolls shall not be altered oftener than once a year, and those payable shall at all times be made public at the said bridge, to wit: For every coach, chariot, phaeton, stage or other carriage of pleasure, drawn by four horses, with four wheels, two dollars and fifty cents; for the like carriages with two horses, one dollar and fifty cents; for a wagon with four horses, one dollar and fifty cents; for a wagon with two horses, one dollar; for every chaise, riding chair, gig, cart or other two wheeled carriage, with two horses, one dollar; for the like carriages with one horse, seventy-five cents; for one horse and rider, fifty cents; for a single horse or mule, twelve and one half cents; for every foot passenger, twelve and one half cents; for every head of horned cattle, twelve and one half cents; for every sheep and hog, three and one eighth cents; and for all such carriages drawn by oxen in the whole, or partly by horses and partly by oxen, two oxen shall be estimated as equal to one horse, and every mule as equal to one horse, in the charge of said tollage.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That at the end of every half year after the said bridge shall be erected, the president and directors aforesaid for the time being shall make and declare dividends of the tolls or profits arising therefrom amongst the several stockholders in the said company, in proportion to their respective shares of stock, and shall pay over such dividends, when demanded, to the person or persons entitled to the same.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all the powers and duties herein before given to, or imposed upon, the president and directors aforesaid, shall and may be exercised and performed by a majority of them.

XIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the assent of this state be and the same is hereby given to the United States to take and hold stock in the said company, and to subscribe for the same in such manner as they may direct and appoint.