

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said president and directors, or their successors, or any person by their authority, shall demand or receive any greater rates or tolls for passing over the said bridge than is herein before allowed, or shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good repair for the space of ten days at any one time, they so offending shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of thirty dollars, one half thereof for the use of Talbot and Caroline counties respectively, and the other half for the use of the person who may sue for the same, provided that no suit or action shall be brought unless within sixty days after such offence shall be committed.

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XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and directors shall keep a just and true account of all monies received by their several and respective collectors of tolls for crossing the said bridge, and shall make and declare a dividend of the profits and income thereof among all the stockholders, first deducting therefrom all contingent costs and charges, and such proportions of the said income as they may deem necessary to provide against the decay, and for repairing the said bridge, and shall, on every first Monday in June and January in every year, publish the dividend to be made of the said clear profits thereof among the stockholders, and of the time and place where and when the same shall be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall wilfully, or without the orders of the said president and directors, pull down, break or destroy, with intent to injure any part or parts of the said bridge, or of any abutment, pier or piers, or of any of the toll-houses, grates, bars, or other property of the said corporation, appertenant to, or erected or made for, the use and convenience of the said bridge, or the persons employed in conducting the business thereof, or shall wilfully, without the orders and consent of the said corporation, or any person or persons authorised by them, obliterate, deface or destroy, the letters, figures or other characters, in any written or printed list of the rates or tolls affixed, or to be affixed, in any place or places for the information of passengers, and others, or who shall wilfully and maliciously obstruct or impede the passage on or over the said bridge, or any part or parts thereof, he, she or they, so offending, shall, and each of them shall, forfeit and pay to the said president, directors and company, not exceeding the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace in like manner, and subject to the same rules and regulations, as debts under fifty dollars may be recovered, and he, she or they, so offending, may and shall remain liable to actions, at the suit of the said president and directors, for further damages for such offence, if the said sum or sums herein mentioned be not sufficient to repair and satisfy such damages.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said president and directors shall deem it more advantageous to erect and establish the said bridge upon some site near the present landing of Dover ferry on the said Choptank river than at the said landings, they are hereby authorised and empowered to contract for, and purchase of the proprietors, the lands upon which such site may be chosen, and also so much adjoining land as may be requisite to make a road or highway from each end of the said bridges into the present public highway respectively, and the same, when purchased, to hold to the said company as tenants in common, for ever, in proportion to their respective shares.

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An ACT annulling the Marriage of Margaret Crain, of the City of Baltimore.

Passed Decem-
ber 24, 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of Margaret Crain, and Thomas Crain her husband, heretofore solemnized, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, absolutely null and void, and the said Margaret Crain, and Thomas Crain her husband, are hereby declared to be divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*; provided always, that nothing in this act contained be construed to illegitimate the children of the said Margaret Crain and Thomas Crain, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. CXIV.

An ACT to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act to clear and make public a Road in Washington County.

Passed Decem-
ber 24, 1810.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of William Osborn Sprigg, of Washington county, that a law passed at November session, eighteen hundred and nine, authorising the levy court of Washington county to appoint an overseer to clear and make public a road therein mentioned, running through the lands of the petitioner, and others: And whereas the said law is calculated to do him great injury and disadvantage; therefore,