

LAWS OF MARYLAND

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of the said corporation, on the oath or affirmation of the persons intrusted by the company with keeping of the said accounts, shewing the whole amount of their capital expended in the prosecution of the said work, and of the income or profits arising from the said tolls, for and during the said respective period, together with an exact account of the costs and charges of keeping the said road in repair, and all other contingent costs and charges, so that the clear annual income and profits thereof may be ascertained and known; and if at the end of two 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 two years, that the said clear income and profits will not bear a dividend of ten per centum per annum on the capital stock of the said company so expended, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said president, managers and company, to increase the tolls herein before allowed so much upon each and every allowance thereof, as will raise the dividends up to ten per centum per annum; and at the end of three years thereafter, the said company shall, on the oath or affirmation of the persons respectively employed to keep the accounts of the said company, render such like statements to the general assembly; and if at the end of any such triennial period there shall be a surplus of tolls, over and above satisfying the aforesaid ten per centum upon the said road, the said court of inspection shall have power, and is hereby authorised to receive such surplus, and to employ the same in purchasing out the stock of the said road.

Indexes—
mile-stones &c
penalty for
defacing.

24. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said company shall cause posts to be erected and continued at the intersection of every public road falling into and leading out of the said turnpike road with a board and index-hand, pointing to the direction of such road, on both sides whereof shall be inscribed in legible characters, the name of the town, village or place to which such road leads, and the distance thereof in computed miles; and the said company shall cause mile-stones to be placed at the side of the said road, beginning at the distance of one mile from Boonsborough, and extending thence to the termination of the said road, whereon shall be marked in plain legible characters, the number of miles which each stone is distant from Boonsborough aforesaid; and at every gate or turnpike by them to be fixed on the said road, shall cause the distance from Boonsborough, and the distance from the nearest gate or turnpike, in each direction, to be marked in legible characters, designating the number of miles and fraction of a mile, on the said gates, or some other conspicuous place, for the information of travellers and others using the said road; and if any person shall wilfully destroy the said posts, boards, index-hands or mile-stones, or deface the same, or de-