

place, shall return the books, with all the monies in hand, to the commissioners at Snow-Hill, which money, together with that received by the commissioners at the last named place, shall be deposited in the Farmers Bank of Somerset and Worcester until the election of president and directors of the said company.

DEC. SESS.  
1815.

11. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president and directors shall declare a dividend of the profits of said company amongst the stockholders once at least in each year, and oftener if they shall think proper.

Dividends.

12. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if it shall so happen that the books shall not be opened at the places above named, or either of them, on the day above prescribed, the commissioners or a majority of them, named for the place where such neglect shall happen, may appoint some other day for opening the same, of which ten days notice shall be given by advertisement set up at the most public places in the county aforesaid.

Neglect to  
open books.

CHAPTER 120.

*An act for draining a branch of Tuckahoe, known by the name of Beaver Dam Branch lying in Queen Ann's County.*

Passed Jan.  
23, 1816.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the proprietors of the lands lying on a branch of Tuckahoe known by the name of Beaver Dam Branch extending from a place known by the name of Beaver Pond, until it intersects the main ditch of long marsh, to meet on the first Monday of April next, and on the first Monday of April or within ten days thereafter in each and every year hereafter, at a village known by the name of Beaver Dam Causeway, or at any other place which a majority of the proprietors may appoint in Queen Ann's county, and for such proprietors or a majority of those who shall attend at the said meeting, then and there annually to elect by ballot, three of the said proprietors, for directors, who when so elected and chosen are hereby authorised and empowered or any two of them, to make and open a drain or ditch down said branch from the said Beaver Ponds, until it shall intersect the main ditch of long marsh aforesaid, in such direction and of such width and depth as they or a majority of them may judge most proper to carry off the water from said branch, and reduce the same to dry land; and the power and authority of said directors so chosen shall continue and be in force until a new election shall take place.

Elections &c.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the costs, charges and expences of cutting and opening said ditch or drain shall be paid by the respective proprietors of the same, each paying for the cutting and opening the said drain or ditch through his own land, except where it shall so happen that two or more of the said proprietors holds part of the said branch or low grounds adjacent to, or which may be drained and improved thereby, or through which the said ditch or drain shall pass adjoining each other, part on one side thereof and part on the other, in which case each shall pay in proportion to the part he shall or may hold.

Costs &c.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said directors or any two of them shall have full power and authority at any time thereafter, to cut, open and complete the said ditch or

Apportionment of costs  
&c.