

Dec. Ses. 1816 *clerks, officers and servants, that they may deem necessary, and to dispose of the funds and credits of the said company, and to direct its affairs, in all respects for the benefit of the stockholders.*

President, &c.
to enter upon
all lands they
may deem pro-
per for a rail-
road.

11. *And be it enacted,* That it may be lawful for the said president and managers, superintendants, surveyors, engineers, artists or chain-bearers, to enter into and upon all and every the lands and enclosures in and through and over which a rail road may be thought proper to pass, and also to survey, lay down, ascertain, mark and fix, such routs or tracts for the same, as in the best of their skill and judgment will combine shortness of distance with the most practicable ground whereon the said road shall pass.

To erect
bridges.

12. *And be it enacted,* That the said company shall have power to erect bridges over all sinks, gullies and water courses, whereon the same shall be found necessary, and cause a road to be laid out not exceeding sixty feet in width.

Damages to be
assessed.

13. *And be it enacted,* That if any rail road shall be founded and laid out over and upon any land, whereby the owner or owners thereof may suffer damages, the person or persons sustaining such damages may make application to the judges of the county court, or in the recess thereof to any judge thereof, where such damages have been committed and claimed, and thereupon the court or judge shall direct five disinterested freeholders, who shall view the same, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the benefits and advantages that will be derived to the owner of the said land from the road passing through the same, and assess the damages accordingly; and the said appraisers shall make out a certificate, upon oath, of the amount of damages by them assessed, and make return thereof to the said court or judge who shall have issued the order, which said court or judge shall direct the same to be recorded, to be and remain as evidence of the debt to be paid by the said company to the person entitled to receive the same; *Provided nevertheless,* if any person through whose lands the said road may be located, shall consider himself or herself aggrieved by the valuation of the said appraisers, he or she, and if through lands belonging to minors, the parents or guardians of said minors, by filing objections in writing in the county court of Somerset, may and are hereby empowered to stop all proceedings under this act, until the end of the next annual regular session of the legislature.

Company may
farm let tolls
and duties.

14. *And be it enacted,* That the president and managers of the company shall and may be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to grant, demise and farm-let, the tolls and duties which they by this act, or their own by-laws, are authorised to demand and receive.

Accounts to be
kept and sub-
mitted to a
meeting of the
stockholders.

15. *And be it enacted,* That the president and managers shall keep fair and just accounts of all monies which shall have been received by them from the subscribers or stockholders of the said company, and also a fair and just account of all monies by them expended in the prosecution of their works, and all contingent expenses of every nature whatsoever relative to carrying on the same, and shall at least once in every year submit such accounts to a meeting of the stockholders, for that purpose to be convened by public notice, and if upon such liquidation it shall be found that the