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over the said bridge, than is herein before allowed, or shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good repair for the space of five days at any one time, they, so offending, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of thirty dollars, one half for the use of the counties aforesaid, and the other half for the person who shall sue for the same, and may be presented by the grand jury, and fined a sum not exceeding forty dollars, in the discretion of the court.

Dividends.

12. *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 said bridge, and of the monies received from the county; 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 for keeping said bridge in repair; and shall, on every first Monday in January and June in every year, publish the dividend so made, and of the time and place where the same shall be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly.

Penalty for destroying any part of bridge, &c.

13. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully pull down, break or destroy, any part of said bridge, or of any abutment, gate, or other property appertaining thereto, or shall obliterate, deface or destroy, the letters or figures in any list of the rates of tolls affixed in any place for the information of passengers, or who shall wilfully and maliciously obstruct or impede the passage over the said bridge, every person, so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the president and directors a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered in the same manner as debts of a similar amount are recovered, and shall also be liable to an action or actions for further damages, if the said sum be not sufficient to repair and satisfy the damages done.

CHAPTER 225!

Passed Feb 16

An act to incorporate a Company to make a Wharf at the Town of Cambridge, in Dorchester County.

Wharf to be made.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a company be incorporated to make a wharf, extending from some point of the town of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, to the navigable water of Choptank river, the said point to be fixed upon by the president and managers of said company to be appointed under the provisions of this act.

Books to be opened.

2. *And be it enacted*, That subscription books be opened for a capital stock of ten thousand dollars, in shares of ten dollars each, and that subscriptions be taken in the town of Cambridge, under the direction of Doctor Edward White, James Chaplain, James Dixon, David Higgins, Josiah Bayly, Thomas Lockerman, John C. Henry, and Richard Pattison, who are hereby appointed commissioners for the purposes aforesaid, who shall, on or before the first Monday in May next, procure books, and in each enter as follows, to wit: "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president and managers of the Cambridge wharf company, the sum of ten dollars for every share of stock in said company set opposite to our respective names. Witness our hands this _____ day of _____ eighteen hundred and eighteen; and shall give notice in the Easton papers for three weeks,