

CHAP. 100. men and labourers about the same, and in case the site of said bridge should not be fixed upon land already condemned as a public road, to contract with the proprietor or proprietors of the land on each side of said river, against which the said bridge shall be proposed to be abutted, for the privilege of said abutment; and if the said president and directors should not be able to agree with said proprietor or proprietors upon the price for said privilege of an abutment, then the said president and directors shall apply to the county court of Anne-Arundel county, whose duty it shall be to appoint nine disinterested and respectable citizens of Anne-Arundel county aforesaid, who being first sworn, shall view the lands so proposed for said abutment, and fairly and impartially, to the best of their judgment, fix and ascertain the sum which the said proprietor or proprietors ought to have and receive for the privileges of said abutment, taking all circumstances into consideration; and provided the proprietor or proprietors of the property aforesaid, or the president and directors of the bridge company aforesaid, should not be satisfied with the decision of the commissioners aforesaid, either party may appeal to the judges of the county court of Anne-Arundel county, whose decision shall be final; and upon the said president and directors paying to said proprietor or proprietors the sum so assessed, the land on which said bridge may be abutted, and the privilege aforesaid, shall be for ever vested in said company.

Tolls and rates

8. *And be it enacted*, That as soon as said bridge shall be completed, it shall be lawful for the corporation aforesaid to demand and receive the following tolls and rates for passing the same; that is to say, for a single person six and a quarter cents; for a horse six and a quarter cents; for a single carriage thirty-seven and a half cents; for a phaeton, chariot or coach, seventy-five cents; for a four horse wagon, seventy-five cents; for a two horse wagon, thirty-seven and a half cents; for a cart thirty seven and a half cents; for horned cattle, each twelve and a half cents; for sheep and hogs, each three cents; for oxen in gear, each six and a quarter cents, and no more; and if the collector of the tolls shall demand and receive from any person or persons for passing said bridge, more than is hereby allowed, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to the party aggrieved five dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace; and any person or persons attempting forcibly to pass said bridge, without paying toll, or refusing to pay the same after having passed, shall be liable to a like penalty, to be recovered in manner aforesaid, for the use of said corporation.

Dividends

9. *And be it enacted*, That the president and directors aforesaid shall, at the end of every six months from the time said bridge shall be completed, after defraying all necessary and proper expenses and charges, declare the dividends due to each stockholder, which shall be paid by the treasurer upon the order of the board of directors.

Transfer of shares

10. *And be it enacted*, That the shares of stock shall be transferable only on the books of the corporation, in such manner as the board of directors may direct.

By-law, rules and regulations

11. *And be it enacted*, That the stockholders at every general meeting shall have power to make and ordain all such by-laws, rules and regulations, as they may think necessary, for the well ordering the business of said corporation, not contrary to the constitution or laws of the United States, or of the state of Maryland.