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as they shall think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind; and that the said corporation and their successors shall be forever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers, or persons whatsoever, in all actions, matters, demands and things whatsoever.

CHAPTER 81.

Passed Jan. 24, 1823.

An act to incorporate a company to erect a bridge over Severn River, in Anne Arundel county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the convenience of the public would be greatly promoted by erecting a bridge over Severn River, and it is expedient to encourage private enterprize by acts of incorporation, the object of which is the advancement of the general good; therefore,

Commissioners, &c.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be lawful to open books at the city of Annapolis, under the direction of Henry Maynadier, Henry H. Harwood, Virgil Maxcy, George Mackubin, James Mackubin, Lewis Neth, junior, George Shaw, John A. Grammar, Charles Waters, Henry Mayer and Horatio Redout, or any two of them; and at the city of Baltimore, under the direction of Isaac M^cKim, Réverdy Johnson, Nicholas Brice, Cumberland Dugan, Thomas Harwood and Thomas Harrison, or any two of them; for receiving and entering subscriptions to the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a toll bridge over Severn river, at the city of Annapolis; which sum shall be divided into fourteen hundred shares of twenty-five dollars each; every person at the time of subscribing shall pay to some one of the commissioners one dollar upon each share subscribed by him, and the said commissioners shall pay over what they shall respectively receive to the president and directors to be appointed in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

Book to be opened, &c.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the books aforesaid shall be opened in the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore on the fourth Monday of April next, or at such other time as the said commissioners may deem best, at such particular houses, in the said places, as the commissioners aforesaid, in the places aforesaid, may appoint by public notice, which books shall be continued open for four successive days and then be closed, and as soon as the books shall be closed in the respective places aforesaid, the commissioners for the city of Baltimore shall send on to the commissioners for the city of Annapolis, the amount subscribed for in the city of Baltimore, with a list of the subscribers; and if it shall appear that ten thousand dollars or five hundred shares shall be subscribed for, the said subscribers and stockholders, and those who may thereafter subscribe, shall be, and they are hereby made a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Severn Bridge Company, and as such may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and shall have perpetual succession as such.

Election, &c.

3. *And be it enacted,* That if it shall appear to the said commissioners, that the aforesaid sum of ten thousand dollars, or five hundred shares, have been subscribed for, or whenever that sum or that number of shares shall be subscribed for, then the said commissioners, or such of them as may act, or a majority of such of them as may act, shall give public notice for a meeting of the stockholders in the city of Annapolis, who shall in person, or by proxy duly au-