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Powers, &c.

8. *And be it enacted*, That the said president and managers, any four of whom shall make a board, shall meet as often as the business of the company shall require; shall keep minutes of their transactions fairly entered in a book; shall have full power and authority to make all contracts and agreements, and to draw orders on the treasurer for all monies necessary to fulfil their contracts, and to pay the officers and persons employed in the service of the company such salaries and wages as they may deem just and reasonable, which orders shall be signed by the presiding member of the board, and countersigned by their clerk; and generally to do and transact all such other acts and things as may be conducive to the interests of the company, and no president or managers shall be entitled to any emolument unless the same shall have been allowed by a majority of the stockholders at a general meeting.

Bridge pre-
scribed.

9. *And be it enacted*, That the said bridge shall be of a breadth sufficient to admit of carriage ways, with a strong partition between them, and a strong railing on each side of the bridge; and shall be so constructed that the navigation of the river may not thereby be injured or affected and the said bridge with all its profits shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said stockholders, their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common in proportion to their respective shares, and shall be forever exempt from the payment of any tax imposition or assessment whatever.

Property
vested.

10. *And be it enacted*, That so soon as the said bridge shall have been completed, it shall be lawful for the said company to demand and receive the following tolls and rates for passing the same, that is to say; for a man, horse, mule or work ox, six and a quarter cents, for all riding carriages, waggons, carts, sleighs and sleds, six and a quarter cents per wheel or runner, for every head of neat cattle, two cents; and for every score of sheep, hogs, goats or lambs twenty cents, and in proportion thereto for a greater or less number, and if a greater sum shall be demanded or taken from any person for the carriage or toll, than is allowed by this act, or if any person shall be impeded, obstructed or injured, in consequence of his or her passage across the said bridge, he she or they may recover against the company before any justice within this state, the amount of the damages so sustained and a fine of five dollars for every such impediment, obstruction or improper exactment, and for the information of travellers, the President and Managers of said company shall cause to be fixed and always kept up at the toll gate, a printed list of the rates of tolls; and any person or persons attempting forcibly to pass the said bridge without paying toll or refusing to pay the same after having passed shall be liable to the like fine, recoverable in like manner, to the use of the said company, and the said President and Managers are empowered hereby to contract monthly or yearly with any person or persons for the passage of the bridge for a certain and fixed sum in lieu of the tolls authorised by this act, which sum or sums if not punctually paid at the time stipulated for the payment thereof shall be recovered before any justice of the peace of this state as other debts are recoverable.

Tolls.

Accounts
and payments

11. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall pay over to the president and managers, all monies by them respectively received, and the said president and managers shall keep fair and just account of all monies received by them from the said commissioners, and from the subscribers to the said undertaking, on account of