

thereof from the word "whatsoever" to the end of said section;

Mr. Handy moved to lay the bill on the table; determined in the negative;

Mr. Handy then moved to amend the twelfth section of the bill, by striking out from the word "that," in the first line to the word "necessary," in the second line; and inserting in lieu thereof these words, "whenever it shall be absolutely necessary;" determined in the negative;

Mr. Bell moved to strike out the twelfth section of the bill; determined in the negative;

On motion by Mr. Pearce, said section was amended, by striking out from the word "agents," in the twenty first line, to the word "conducting," in the twenty sixth line; and inserting in lieu thereof these words, "every owner or master;"

On motion by Mr. Hunt, said section was further amended, by striking out in the 27th line, these words, "the sum of one hundred dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof the following, "at the rate of one dollar per ton for each and every vessel which may violate the provisions of this act, but in no case shall the penalty exceed one hundred dollars;"

On motion by Mr. Hunt, said bill was amended, by adding at the end thereof, as additional sections, the following:

Section 13. *And be it enacted*, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the cutting of any tract across the tracks heretofore provided for; or to prevent any vessel or vessels, in any manner crossing the same, provided they do not in any way prevent the free navigation of the said track.

Sec. 14. *Be it enacted*, That this act shall continue and be in force until the year 1845, and until the end of the next session of the general assembly, which shall happen thereafter and no longer

On motion by Mr. Teackle,

Said bill was further amended by adding as an additional section the following:

Sec. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the dividends of profits arising from the operations of the said company, shall not in any one year exceed the rate of six per centum, exclusive of a reasonable reservation for wear and tear; and should the said profits exceed the rate of six per centum, as aforesaid, in any one year, the said excess shall be deposited forthwith by the proper officer of the said company, in the treasury of the Western Shore for the general uses of the states.