

“Provided nevertheless, That no owner or master of any vessel, or other person engaged in crossing said track opened by said company, shall be taken, construed or considered to have violated this charter, if he or they shall be necessarily delayed in crossing said track.”

On motion by Mr. Laurenson, said bill was amended, by adding at the end of the 12th section, the following:

“And that either party may have a right of appeal to the county court of the county in which the justice of the peace before whom the claim may be pending may reside, and that the said right of appeal be subject to all the laws now in force, relating to appeals from judgments of justices of the peace on small debts.”

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the fifteenth section of the bill was stricken out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the dividends of profits arising from the operations of the said company, shall not average more than six per centum per annum exclusive of a reasonable reservation for wear and tear, and should the said profits exceed the rate of six per centum, as aforesaid, the said excess shall form and constitute a fund, to be applied as occasion may require, in the purchase or building of such steam boats and other vessels as may be required in the service of the said company.”

On motion by Mr. Handy, said bill was further amended, by adding at the end thereof as an additional section, the following:

“*And be it enacted*, That nothing herein, shall be taken or considered to authorise said company to occupy any track or tracks which shall or may be made by any private individual or individuals, unless by the consent of said individual or individuals.”

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivered a communication from the executive department, endorsed, “referred by the senate to the consideration of the house of delegates;” which was read, and is as follows:

Executive Department,
Annapolis, February 3d, 1832.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

And of the House of Delegates.

I submit for your consideration, the accompanying communication, from H. W. Evans and George Keyser, Esq's, a committee appointed by the board of directors of the