

James M. Lingan and Uriah Forrest, to open, or cause to be opened, books for receiving and entering subscriptions for the said undertaking, to the amount of one hundred and fifty shares, at a rate not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds for each share, to be ascertained by the said Blodget, Peter, Deakins, Lingan and Forrest, and published in the Annapolis, Baltimore, George-town, and Alexandria news-papers, and Maryland Herald, two weeks previous to opening the said books, which subscriptions may be made personally, or by power of attorney; and whenever the said one hundred and fifty shares shall be subscribed, six weeks notice at least shall be given in the papers aforesaid, and in the Philadelphia news-papers, requiring a meeting of the subscribers at George-town, and a majority of such meeting (provided at such meeting at least seventy-five shares shall be represented) are hereby required and authorized to elect, by ballot, three of the said subscribers directors for managing all the concerns of the company for and during the residue of the then current year.

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III. **And be it enacted,** That the said subscribers, and their heirs and assigns, from the time of the said first meeting, shall be and are hereby declared to be incorporated by the name of the George-town Bridge Company, and may sue and be sued as such; and the proprietors are hereby required to meet at George-town on the first Monday of January in every year thereafter, and elect three directors for the purpose of conducting and managing the concerns of the said company for one year; and in the first election, as well as in every election for ever thereafter, each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote for every share, and any proprietor may, by writing, under his hand and seal, and signed in the presence of two witnesses, depute any other proprietor to vote for and act as his proxy.

Subscribers  
incorporated,  
&c.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That the said directors, or any two of them, shall and may require any sum or sums of money, in equal proportion, from each and every proprietor, as may from time to time be necessary for carrying on the building of the said bridge, and, after giving three months public notice, it shall and may be lawful for the directors to sue for and recover, in the name of the company, such unpaid requisition, with all costs and charges incidental thereto, and legal interest thereon from the time the same should have been paid; and the neglect or refusal to pay any such requisition, after public notice shall have been given at least for three months in all the news-papers herein before enumerated, shall have the effect to forfeit all preceding payments made on the share or shares so neglected or refused to be paid, to the use and benefit of the company.

Directors may  
require sums  
of money,  
&c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That for and in consideration of their great risk, and the expences to be incurred by the said proprietors, not only for building the said bridge, but for keeping the same in continual repair, the said bridge, and all its profits, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said proprietors, their heirs and assigns, for ever, as tenants in common, in proportion to their respective shares; and it shall and may be lawful for the said directors, at all times hereafter, for the term of fifty years, to demand and receive such reasonable tax or toll as they may from time to time agree on and require, provided they shall not at any time demand or receive more than two thirds of the present rates of ferriage to and from George-town; which rates or tolls shall at all times be made public, and shall not be altered or changed oftener than once in each year; and at the expiration of the said term of fifty years, the said directors shall receive such tolls as shall be regulated by the legislature of this state, or of the United States should the said bridge be erected within the jurisdiction of the United States.

Bridge vested  
in the pro-  
prietors, &c.

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**A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in the several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned.**

Passed De-  
cember 30.

**W**HEREAS it is found necessary to alter and explain some of the public roads established under said act in Frederick county, to strike out some of the said roads and add others, to add more public roads in Washington

Preamble:

Washington