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pending in the prosecution of said bridge, and shall at least once in every year submit such accounts to a general meeting of the stockholders until the said bridge be completed; and until all the cost, charges and expenses, for effecting the same, shall be fully paid and discharged, and the aggregate amount of all such expenses shall be liquidated and ascertained; and after the said bridge is completed if it shall be found that more monies shall remain in the hands of the treasurer than is necessary for the payment of all charges and expenses incurred in and about erecting the said bridge, the surplus shall be returned as part of the dividend due and payable to each stockholder respectively.

Bridge to be built in the most secure and substantial manner, &c.

11. *And be it enacted*, That the said bridge shall be built on the most secure and substantial manner, and shall be secured and supported at each end by good and sufficient abutments or piers, and shall be not less than eighteen feet wide, with substantial railing on each side, at least four feet high, and there shall be a draw in said bridge, so as to afford a convenient passage to vessels up and down the said river, of at least twenty-four feet wide, and the president and directors for the time being shall keep a sufficient number of hands at all times ready for the purpose of raising said draw, in order to admit vessels to pass through without delay, they shall have buoys fixed on each side of said draw with ropes sufficient to warp vessels through, for which no reward shall be demanded or received; in case of any neglect, the president and directors may be indicted and fined in Dorchester county court, and also liable in a special action on the case for any damage that any person or persons may sustain by reason of such neglect.

Bridge when built, vested in company for ever - Tolls.

12. *And be it enacted*, That for and in consideration of the great risque and expense to be incurred by said company, not only for building the said bridge, but for keeping the same in continual repair, the said bridge, when built and completed according to the directions of this act, and all its profits, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said company for ever, to be held 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, to demand and receive the following tolls, to wit: For every chariot, or other four wheeled carriage, stage or wagon, twenty-five cents; for every chaise, gig, cart, or other two wheeled carriage of whatever description, twelve and an half cents; for a man and horse six and one fourth cents; for every mule or horse, three cents; for every foot passenger two cents; for every head of horned cattle two cents; for every sheep or hog a half cent; which rates or tolls shall at all times be made public, and kept in some convenient place, for the inspection of all passengers; which rates or tolls shall at all times be punctually paid at the time of crossing said bridge; and if the said president and directors, or their successors, or any person by their authority, shall receive any greater rates or tolls for passing over the said bridge than is hereby before allowed, or shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good repair for the space of fifteen days, at any one time, they so offending shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, one half to the use of the county and the other half for the use of the person who may sue for the same, provided that no action shall be brought unless within fifty days after such offence be committed.