

lectors of tolls at the several gates and turnpikes on the said road, not exceeding one for every five miles, except it should turn out so as to leave a fractional part of the said five miles at the extremity of said road, and then at the same rate for said fractional part as is herein before prescribed; when the said road shall be finished from the beginning to the end thereof, or such part thereof from time to time to be completed as aforesaid, shall make and declare a dividend of the clear profits and increase thereof, all contingent costs and charges, and a reasonable fund for progressive improvement and accomplishment of said work being first deducted and reserved, among all the stock of the subscribers to the stock of the said company, and shall on the first Monday of March and September in every year, publish the half yearly dividend to be made of the clear profits to be made among the stockholders, and the time, place, and when and where the same will be paid, and cause the same to be made accordingly.

23. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and managers shall at the end of every third year from the date of this incorporation, until two years next after the whole road shall be finished, lay before the general assembly of this state an abstract of their accounts, the whole amount of capital stock expended in the prosecution of said road, and of the increase and profits arising from said toll, for and during the respective periods, together with an abstract of the costs and charges of keeping the said road in repair, and all other costs and charges, to the end that the clear annual increase and profits thereof may be ascertained and known; and if in two years after the said road shall be completed from the beginning thereof to the end, it shall appear from the average profits that may be ascertained for the said two years, that it will not bear a dividend of ten per cent. per annum on the capital stock of said company so expended, it shall and may be lawful to and for the president, managers and company, to increase the tolls herein before allowed, in equal proportions upon each and every allowance thereof, so as to raise the dividends up to ten per centum per annum; and at the end of every three years thereafter they shall render to the general assembly of this state a like abstract of their accounts for the three preceding years; and if at the end of such period it shall appear from such abstract, that the clear profits and increase of the company will bear a dividend of more than ten per cent. per annum, then the said tolls shall be so reduced as to reduce such dividend down to ten per centum per annum.

Abstract of accounts to be laid before the legislature.

24. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said company shall cause posts to be erected at the intersection of every road falling into or leading out of said turnpike road, with boards and index hands pointing to the direction of said roads, on both sides whereof shall be inscribed in legible characters the name of the town or place where said road leads to, and the distance thereof in measured or computed miles; and also cause mile-stones to be placed on the sides of said road to designate the distance to and from the principal places thereon; and also shall cause to be affixed on the said toll-gates to be erected, for the information of travellers and others using the said road, a printed list of the rates of tolls that may from time to time be lawfully demanded.

Posts, index hands and milestones.