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gate or turnpikes over or upon the same, or any part of the same, for any term not exceeding seven years, under such rents, reservations and conditions, as the said presidents and managers at any meeting of their board shall agree upon, which grants and demises shall have the same construction, force and effect, as other like grants and demises may between private persons have and receive.

Fract'al part
of road to be
licensed

31. *And be it enacted*, That if by the termination of any of the said roads, it should so happen that a fractional part may remain over and above the even ten miles, measuring from Rockville aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the said companies, on the same being completed agreeably to this act, to make application to the governor and council, who shall thereupon have the same examined and licensed as aforesaid to receive tolls, in the same proportion, on the aforesaid fractional part of the said road, as is herein before allowed to be received on other parts of the said road,

Gates not to be
erected within
one mile of any
town

32. *And be it enacted*, That no toll-gate shall be erected within the distance of one mile from any one of the towns or villages in this act mentioned.

Corporations
may become
stockholders

33. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any corporation or body politic in the United States to become subscribers for stock in said companies, in the same manner as individuals may become subscribers and stockholders therein, and transfers of stock in said companies may be made by corporations or bodies politic, of their stock in said companies, in such manner as the said companies shall and may from time to time by their laws appoint and direct.

Old roads may
be shut up

34. *And be it enacted*, That whenever the new roads shall depart from the beds of the old roads respectively, it shall and may be lawful for the presidents and managers of the said companies respectively, with the consent of the owner or owners of the land through which the old roads may pass, to shut up the same.

Damages to be
ascertained

35. *And be it enacted*, That the said presidents and managers shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, and the same, when so assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, before the said president and managers shall proceed to open the said road; *Provided always*, that if any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, or his, her, or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive themselves aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages by the said presidents and managers, it shall and may be lawful for the said presidents and managers, or any two of them respectively, to issue their warrant to the sheriff of the county aforesaid, commanding him to summon twelve freeholders in the county aforesaid, and not interested in the premises, and qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to appear on a day by them to be appointed on the premises, and the said presidents and managers, or any one of them respectively, are hereby authorised to administer an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to every person so summoned, that he will, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be taken, by reason of the opening the aforesaid road through his, her, or their land, and

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