

conclusive, to the extent to which the same are final and conclusive by virtue of the provisions which may be made by the state of Michigan or the United States.

Equal rights
to railways.

30. Any railway company whose road now has or shall hereafter have a terminus at or shall run its trains to or from any point at or near either end of the said bridge, or shall run its trains in connection with any railway having such terminus, or upon which trains are or shall be run to or from the localities aforesaid, whether incorporated by Parliament or by any provincial legislature, or by any authority in the state of Michigan, or by the legislature of the United States, shall have and be entitled to the same and equal rights and privileges in the passage of the said bridge, and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof, and of all the approaches thereto without discrimination or preference, upon the payment of equal tolls and observance of the rules and regulations of the Company, made by the directors from time to time, regulating the traffic on the said bridge. 5 10 15

Penalty for
damages to
bridge.

31. If any person shall force or attempt to force any gate or guard of the said bridge, or the approaches thereto, or if any person shall wilfully do or cause to be done any act or acts whatsoever, whereby the said bridge, its lights, stationary works, machinery fixtures, or other appurtenances thereto shall be obstructed, impaired, weakened, destroyed or injured, the person so offending shall forfeit to the Company treble the damages sustained by means of such offence or injury, to be recovered in the name of the Company with costs of the suit, by any proper action for that purpose, and such person shall also be guilty of a misdemeanour, and be punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, by any court of competent jurisdiction. 20 25 30

Bills and
notes.

32. The Company may be a party to promissory notes and bills of exchange for sums not less than one hundred dollars, and any such note or bill, made, accepted or endorsed by the president or vice-president of the Company as president or vice-president thereof, and countersigned by the secretary, and under the authority of a majority of a quorum of the directors, shall be binding on the Company; and shall be presumed to have been made with proper authority until the contrary be shown; nor shall the president or vice-president or secretary be individually responsible for the same, unless the said promissory note or bill of exchange has been issued otherwise than aforesaid: Provided however that nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the Company to issue any note or bill payable to bearer, or intended to be circulated as money or as the notes or bills of a bank. 35 40 45

Proviso.

Bridge to be
approved by
Congress.

33. The Company shall not commence the actual erection of the said bridge until an Act of the Congress of the United States has been passed consenting to or approving of the bridging of the said river, but the Company may in the meantime acquire the lands, submit its plans to the Governor in Council, and do all other the matters and things authorized by this Act, except the commencement of the actual construction or 50