

of Washington county, to keep a ferry from his lands, in said county, over the Potomac river, to the opposite shore, near or opposite to the place called the Falling Water; and such license to renew from time to time, and to fix such rate of ferriage as they in their discretion may think proper.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said ferry, when licensed by the county court aforesaid, shall be forever thereafter deemed and taken to be a public ferry, and subject to the same regulations as public ferries now are by the existing laws of this state.

Public ferry.

AN ACT to establish a Public Ferry across the Potomac River, at Hancock, in Washington County.—1836, ch. 109.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly by the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, that the establishing of a public ferry at Hancock, across the Potomac river, would greatly conduce to the public convenience; therefore,

Preamble.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the commissioners of Washington county, be, and they are hereby authorized and required to establish or cause to be established, a public ferry across the Potomac river, opposite to the town of Hancock, in Washington county, and that the said commissioners shall have power to fix the rate of tolls or ferriage, and also to increase or diminish the same from time to time, in such manner as they shall deem most conducive to the public good, and they shall appoint a suitable person to keep said ferry, as ferryman, who may be willing to perform the duties required of him by said commissioners, under the provision of this act, for the rates of ferriage as fixed by the commissioners as aforesaid, for the time being, and the person so appointed shall give bond and security, in the sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as ferryman, to be approved by the commissioners of said county, and upon the execution of said bond, the commissioners of said county shall issue a license to the person so appointed as aforesaid, setting forth the rates of ferriage as fixed by said commissioners, which the said ferryman shall be entitled to charge and receive.

Authority granted, and duties prescribed.

Keeper.

Bond required.

License.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the person appointed, as provided in the first section of this act, to keep a sufficient flat or boat to carry a six horse wagon or other carriage with its load, and a skiff for foot passengers, and he shall always furnish a sufficient number of hands to conduct said ferry, and said ferryman shall not detain any person more than one hour, unless prevented by high water or ice, or some other lawful excuse to be determined by the justice before whom the case may be tried, nor shall the said ferryman give

Provide boat.

Regulations of the ferry.