

with full power and authority to contract for the building of a bridge over the Potomac river, provided the navigation of said stream be not interfered with or obstructed at such point near the mouth of New Creek, as they or a majority of them may deem most suitable and convenient, on such plan as they or a majority of them shall adopt as most practicable, and are likewise authorized to receive and collect contributions and subscriptions sufficient to enable them to pay for such bridge.

Acquire land.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said Commissioners or a majority of them, are hereby empowered to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, such lands as may be necessary to construct the abutments for said bridge, as well as to secure the right of way for roads leading from the county roads so as to enable all species of travel to reach said bridge.

Examine bridge.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That after the completion of said bridge, the County Commissioners of Allegany shall appoint a committee of three persons (one of whom shall be an engineer) to examine said bridge, and if said committee shall report that in their judgment said bridge is built in a substantial manner, then the Commissioners of Allegany County may, in all future time, keep said bridge, together with the abutments and approaches in said county in good repair as other bridges and roads are kept in repair, and that said bridge shall forever be free for all species of travel.

In force.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved March 30, 1868.