

BRIDGE AT CHESTERTOWN.

31. The county commissioners of Queen Anne's and Kent counties may, in their discretion, contract, either directly or by agent, with the president and directors of Chester River Bridge Company, for the passage of the citizens of Queen Anne's and Kent counties respectively, their servants, wagons, carts, carriages and effects across said bridge, on such terms and conditions, and with such limitations as the contracting parties may agree upon, and may renew said contract from time to time as the same may expire; and the said commissioners may levy on the assessable property of their respective counties the sum necessary to comply with the said contract; *Provided*, the same shall not exceed the clear yearly sum of six hundred dollars for each county.

32. The contract made under the preceding section, shall be signed by the officers of the said bridge company, or by an agent or attorney by them duly authorized, on the one part, and by the clerk of each of the said county commissioners, or by an agent or attorney appointed by the said county commissioners, on the other part, and a duplicate thereof filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of each of said counties, and no contract shall be made for a longer period than five years at one time.

33. The county commissioners of each of said counties, after the first year of such agreement, may levy in advance, and pay on the first day of January in each year, the sum agreed to be paid to said bridge company to secure them the means of making their usual dividend.

34. The said bridge company may dispense with the footway and use the whole width of the bridge as a carriage and cart way.

CHESTERTOWN.

35. The citizens of Chestertown in Kent county, of twenty-one years of age and upwards, and who shall have resided in Chestertown, or the precincts thereof, one whole year next preceding the day of election, shall annually, on the fourth Monday in May, elect seven persons of lawful age, each of whom shall be the owner of property in said town in his own right, or in right of his wife, and shall reside therein, commissioners for said town, and the persons so elected, by the name of "The Commissioners