

and ways, approaches, piers and abutments of said bridge and the erection of the superstructure thereon, and which said bonds will fall due in the year 1913; and

Collected tolls. WHEREAS, The said Berlin and Lovettsville Bridge Company, a body corporate, as aforesaid, further in pursuance of the powers and authority in said Acts of Assembly given and granted to it, does charge and collect tolls for the passage and use of said bridge to enable the said company to pay a dividend on the money invested in said bridge and to keep in repair; and

WHEREAS, In the town of Berlin (now Brunswick) in Frederick County, Maryland, are located a large railroad yard, transfer shed and other facilities for the transportation and distribution of goods, grain, lime, flour and other merchandise; and

Tolls an impediment to the business interests. WHEREAS, It is believed that the tolls charged and collected for the use of said bridge are an impediment to the growth and welfare and business interests of both the States of Maryland and Virginia, and that the change of said bridge from a toll bridge to a free bridge would bind in closer union the two States mentioned and promote the business and commercial interests of both States, and especially of the two counties, Frederick and Loudon, which are connected by said bridge; therefore

Empowered to enter into an agreement. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County be and it is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter, as soon as practicable, into an agreement with the County Supervisors or other proper authorities of Loudon County, in the State of Virginia, for the purchase by the two counties jointly of the said Berlin and Lovettsville bridge, and all the rights, ways, easements, piers, approaches and abutments, and all appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining, to the end that the same may be made a free bridge for the use of the traveling public, and to be kept and maintained at the joint expense of the two counties mentioned in equal proportions perpetually.

Free bridge.

County Commissioners to buy one-half of the capital stock. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, aforesaid, be and it is hereby empowered and authorized, when it deems it advisable to do so, as soon as the proper arrangement can be made with the County Supervisors or other proper authorities of Loudon County, in the State of Virginia, to purchase, at not exceeding the par value thereof, the one-half of the capital stock of