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eighteen hundred and thirty-two, that many of the stockholders are minors, and the stock which originally cost twenty dollars per share, is now worthless to the holders, and notwithstanding the Directors have been husbanding the funds, they cannot, without additional funds, give the bridge such repairs as it will require,—Therefore:

Authority to sell

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the President and Directors of the Choptank Bridge Company are hereby authorised and empowered to sell and dispose of the Choptank Bridge, at Dover Ferry, with all the franchise and privileges thereto belonging, after giving at least twenty days notice by advertisement in some newspaper of Talbot and Caroline counties, and by advertisements set up in the most public places of said counties, first offering the same to Caroline county and Talbot county, jointly or seperately, they refusing or neglecting to purchase, then to make the sale to any person or persons, upon such terms and conditions as the said President and Directors deem most beneficial for the interest of the stockholders.

County pre-emption

Counties authorised to purchase

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That the Levy Court or the Commissioners of the tax, as the case may be, for Caroline county or Talbot county, shall have full power and authority, at their discretion, to contract with the President and Directors of the Choptank Bridge Company for the purchase of the Choptank Bridge, at Dover Ferry, with all the immunities and privileges thereto belonging, and to levy and assess upon the assessable property of the respective counties, such sum or sums of money as shall be sufficient, clear of charges, to make good the said purchase.

And levy therefor

Conveyance authorised

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted,* That upon a sale of the Choptank Bridge, at Dover Ferry, by the President and Directors, to Caroline county or Talbot county, or to any person or persons, the said President and Directors of the Choptank Bridge Company shall have full power and authority to convey to the purchaser or purchasers, all the right, title, interest, and all immunities and franchises, of the said stockholders of the Choptank Bridge Company, in and to the said bridge.