

WHEREAS, The present Board of County Commissioners for Caroline county have determined to remove the same, and are arranging for the construction of a modern, up-to-date, double-track bridge for travel for both teams and pedestrians, numerous citizens and taxpayers of Caroline county are asking that the old "one-track iron bridge," now spanning the Choptank River at Denton, when removed, be taken further up the said river to a point on the west side thereof known as "Downes Wharf," and there to substantially reconstruct the same across the said Choptank River, connecting it by causeway, etc., with the mainland of the east and west sides of said river. This will benefit a large and fertile agricultural section, steadily increasing in population and wealth, on both sides of the river, and thereby place those of the west side of the river, together with the citizens of the thriving and progressive Town of Ridgely, approximately close to the State Road which is already constructed on the east side of said Choptank River; and

WHEREAS, The facts as above set forth would be a benefit not only to the people of the section specifically referred to, but because the increased assessable basis made by the impetus thus given would be a lasting benefit to Caroline county as a whole. To this end the General Assembly of Maryland for 1912 is respectfully asked to empower and require the County Commissioners for Caroline county to raise money, by levy or otherwise, to so locate and construct the old "one-track iron bridge" (when they remove it from its present location) by the passage of the following bill:

AN ACT to empower and require the County Commissioners of Caroline county to move and reconstruct the old single-track iron bridge (known as Denton Bridge) further up the Choptank River, at or near a point on the west side of said river known as "Downes Wharf," and to provide for free travel between the east and west sides of said river at or near said "Downes Wharf" in Caroline county, and build such roads as are necessary to connect the same with other public roads necessary to properly open said bridge to public travel.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Caroline county be and they are hereby authorized and directed to move and reconstruct in a substantial manner the old single-track iron bridge now spanning the Choptank River at Denton (when removed