

and supplanted by a new bridge at Denton) to or near a point further up the river known as "Downes Wharf," on the west side of said river, the object being to connect in a most direct and practical manner with the county road on the west side leading from the old brick mill site to Denton, and known as the "River Road," and on the east to connect with the public road leading from "Passipees Landing" to the State Road, the exact position to be determined by the County Commissioners of Caroline county; provided, however, it shall not be higher up the river than "Passipes Landing" nor further down the river than "Downes Wharf"; and the said County Commissioners of Caroline county are hereby empowered and authorized to acquire by condemnation, purchase or otherwise, all the lands and materials necessary for the removal and reconstruction of said old "single-track iron bridge," and its abutments, causeways and connections for the convenience of public travel, and said bridge when so removed and reconstructed shall be maintained and be kept in proper repair by Caroline county as a free bridge. In the event of the acquirement of lands and materials as aforesaid by condemnation, the procedure shall be the same as that presented by Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland for the condemnation of property by corporations (that is to say, by sections 360 to 365, both inclusive, of said article as contained in the Code of 1904, together with all amendments thereof or supplements thereto).

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the abutments of said bridge and pier and foundation for the support and action of the draw connected therewith, shall be built in a most secure and substantial manner; the present draw to be removed with and considered as a part of the old bridge, and to be so placed in reconstruction as to afford convenient passage to boats up and down the river, which shall at all times be open on the approach of vessels, so as not to delay or interrupt their passage.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Caroline county be and they are hereby authorized and directed to levy on the assessable property of Caroline county such sums of money as may be necessary to carry out and secure the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. *Be it enacted*, That there shall be appointed annually by the County Commissioners of Caroline county some competent person to act as bridge keeper, whose duty shall be to attend to the opening and closing of the draw of said bridge when so required, and also to attend to such other duties in regard to keeping said bridge in safe and proper condition for