

Dorchester County, and the County Commissioners of the aforesaid counties are hereby directed and empowered to levy upon the assessable property of their respective counties such sum of money as may be necessary, from time to time, to defray the cost of maintenance and repair in the proportion aforesaid.

1910, ch. 502, sec. 6 (p. 682)

53. Upon completion of said bridge that then, by order of the County Commissioners of the said two counties, the said bridge shall be open to public travel.

BRIDGE AT DENTON.

1912, ch. 579, sec. 1. 1914, ch. 280.

54. The County Commissioners of Caroline County are hereby authorized and empowered in their discretion to move and reconstruct in a substantial manner the old single-track iron bridge now spanning the Chop-tank River at Denton (when removed 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 "Passipees 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 331 to 336, both inclusive, of said article, together with all amendments, thereof or supplements thereto).

1912, ch. 579, sec. 2.

55. 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.