

dition for public use and travel, excepting that no steam engine, traction or any other kind, shall be permitted to pass over said bridge without the written authority of a majority of each of the boards of commissioners for said counties.

1890, ch. 85, sec. 3.

71. Whenever the county commissioners of Kent county and the county commissioners of Queen Anne's county respectively, shall have agreed with the stockholders of the Chester bridge company for the purchase of the capital stock, property, franchises, rights and privileges of said bridge company as authorized by the act of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, chapter three hundred and seventy-six, to which this act is a supplement, which capital stock, property, franchises and privileges, the said bridge company is hereby authorized to sell to said counties, and whenever the purchase money so agreed on shall have been paid, then the said Chester bridge company is hereby authorized to convey to the said commissioners of Kent county and of Queen Anne's county by deed as authorized in said act of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, chapter three hundred and seventy-six, the said bridge over the Chester river together with the toll-houses and grounds, the capital stock and all franchises of said Chester bridge company not including however any judgments, mortgages, bank stock, securities, investments, claims or accounts against individuals belonging to said Chester bridge company, and that thereafter said bridge shall be taken, held and perpetuated as a free public bridge between said counties.

1890, ch. 85, sec. 4.

72. Any person having any right of action against said county commissioners for or on account of said bridge may sue either board of commissioners as he may elect, and for any recovery in any such suit the commissioners of the other county shall be liable to contribute in proportion to its ownership in said bridge.

1890, ch. 85, sec. 5.

73. The county commissioners of Kent county and of Queen Anne's county a majority of each concurring, shall have full power and authority to make reasonable rules and regulations for the use of said bridge by the public, and for the protection of said bridge and other property belonging thereto or therewith, and to enforce the observance thereof by imposing upon the party violating the same, any reasonable fine not exceeding ten dollars for any violation thereof, which fines shall be collected as small debts are now collected, and shall be recovered in the name of the county commissioners of said counties before any justice of the peace of either of said counties in which the party violating such rules and regulations shall be found, and on failure or refusal to pay and inability to collect by legal process, the party so fined shall be committed to the county jail of the county for a period not exceeding ten days in the same manner as commitments are made for fines imposed by the circuit courts of this