

P. G. L., (1860,) art 39, sec 8. 1799, ch. 83, sec. 3.

8. Whenever by the lawful alteration of an old road, or the opening of a new road leading to any creek or river, a communication over and across the same by means of a ferry shall, in the judgment of the county commissioners be deemed useful and necessary, in every such case it shall be lawful for the said county commissioners to establish and regulate a public ferry at every such place, and to license any approved person to keep the same, and to ascertain the prices of ferriage thereat, and the number of boats and hands to be employed, and to require bond with sufficient securities, in the same manner as in cases of ferries heretofore established.

Ibid. sec. 9. 1791, ch. 65, sec. 2.

9. The county commissioners, or mayor of the city of Baltimore, may rent a ferry belonging to the public, or contract with such person as they may think proper, and at such price as they shall judge reasonable, for the keeping the same; and the prices contracted to be paid shall be levied on the county or city.

Ibid. sec. 10. 1791, ch 65, secs. 2-3.

10. Whenever such contract shall be made, the county commissioners or mayor shall take bond from the contractor for the faithful discharge of his duty, and shall establish the rates of ferriage to be charged by him, from all persons not entitled to pass free, as directed in the next succeeding section; but this section shall not authorize the county commissioners or mayor to contract for keeping a ferry at any place where a ferry is already established and kept.

Ibid sec. 11. 1781, ch. 22, sec. 2.

11. The county commissioners or mayor, at the time of granting any license to keep the same, shall ascertain the price of ferriage for passengers, horses, mules and cattle, sheep and hogs, and the several kinds of carriages, (not allowing anything for the baggage of passengers,) at every ferry by them licensed or let by contract, and shall direct how many and what kind of boats shall be kept, and what number of able-bodied and skilful hands shall be employed in the boats at every ferry licensed by them or let by contract; and the same shall be expressed in the license or contract.