

countersigned by the clerk thereof, and under the corporate seal of said board of county commissioners, and said bonds issued by the county commissioners of Queen Anne's county shall be signed by the president of said board of county commissioners and countersigned by the clerk thereof, and under the corporate seal of said board of county commissioners; and the said county commissioners jointly or severally are authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of said bonds at not less than their par value, and to apply the proceeds thereof to the payment of the capital stock, property, franchises, rights and privileges of said bridge company, and the said commissioners shall respectively, levy annually on the taxable inhabitants and property of their respective counties a sum of money sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds to be issued as aforesaid for their respective counties, and shall respectively levy on the taxable inhabitants and property of their respective counties a sum of money sufficient to pay the principal of said bonds to be issued by them respectively, as aforesaid, as they mature, and that said purchase, if practicable, shall be effected at the earliest date possible.

To pay.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said commissioners for their respective counties are authorized and empowered to levy on the taxable property of their respective counties in such proportions as may be agreed on between them, a sum or sums of money sufficient to place said bridge in safe and satisfactory condition 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.

Repairs.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That 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

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