

and Howard Counties be and they are hereby authorized and directed to construct a substantial bridge over the Patapsco River from some suitable point on the Baltimore County side at or near Orange Grove Station to a suitable point on the Howard County side, the position to be determined by the commissioners of the two counties, the object being to so locate said bridge that it will connect the proposed extension of Wilkins' Avenue to Orange Grove with a road running from the Ilchester road to the Washington turnpike at Elkrige Landing; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by inquisition, purchase, or otherwise all lands and materials necessary for the construction of said bridge and its abutments for the convenience of public travel; and said bridge when constructed shall be maintained and kept in proper repair by the said counties as a free bridge; provided, however, that the entire cost to said counties of said bridge and abutments and the necessary land adjoining thereto shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of thirty thousand dollars and shall be borne equally by the two counties.

Bridge over
Patapsco
River

To be free

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said bridge and abutments shall be built in the most secure and substantial manner and shall be not less than eighteen feet wide, with railing on each side thereof not less than four feet high.

How said
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built.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the County Commissioners of Baltimore County are hereby authorized and empowered to levy on assessable property of Baltimore County such sum or sums as may be necessary therefor, not to exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, in the aggregate, provided, however, that such levy shall not be made by the commissioners of Baltimore County until the question of making it shall have been submitted by them to the qualified voters of Baltimore County, as herein-after provided, and a majority of the votes cast shall have been in favor of making the levy for the purposes herein declared; and the commissioners of Howard County are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds of Howard County to the amount of not more than fifteen thousand dollars; and said bonds shall be for the sum of one thousand dollars each; and the principal of said bonds shall be payable in twenty years from the date of issue subject, however, to the right of said county at its option to redeem any or all of its said bonds at any time after the expiration of ten years from the date of issue and said bonds shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum payable semi-annually, and shall have attached to

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