

CHAPTER 159.

AN ACT to repeal chapter two hundred and twenty of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled an act to establish a free bridge over the Patapsco river, at or near the present site of Light street bridge, and to provide for free travel from Anne Arundel county to Baltimore city, and to enact the following in lieu thereof, so as to read as follows :

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county, be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase the bridge over the Patapsco river, known as "Light street bridge," together with the buildings, abutments and all other appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining, and to keep and maintain the same as a free bridge at all times, if the owners thereof will, on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, agree to sell the same unto the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county, at a price and upon such terms and conditions as to them may appear fair and reasonable. Directed to purchase bridge. At a price.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county, shall not be able, by mutual agreement, to purchase said Light street bridge from its owners, as provided in the preceding section of this act, then and in that case the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to build a substantial bridge over said river, or the south-west branch thereof, from some suitable point on the Anne Arundel county shore of said river, within a reasonable distance from the southernmost terminus of said Light street bridge, eastwardly or westwardly to a convenient and practicable point in Convenient point. Shall not be able. Directed to build.