

of travel over this much used highway, in a thickly settled community; and whereas the said Augustus F. Dames restored and rebuilt said bridge at his individual expense, being assured by one of the late Board of Commissioners that the county would pay an equitable portion thereof; and whereas the said Townsend avenue is not a county road, and it is doubted whether the County Commissioners have authority under the present road law of said county to spend money upon any other than a county road; therefore—

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Baltimore county are hereby authorized in their discretion, to audit the claim of Augustus F. Dames against said county for the rebuilding of the bridge on Townsend avenue or Friendship lane in said county, and render to him just and equitable compensation for the same, out of the road and bridge fund of said county. Render just and equitable compensati'n

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take In force effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1878.