

Said bill was then sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Bannon, from Select Committee, (by unanimous consent,) reported favorably,

Senate bill entitled an Act to establish a free bridge over the Patapsco River, between Baltimore city and Anne Arundel county, at or near the present site of Light Street Bridge,

With the following amendment:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert "that a jury of twelve discreet citizens be selected by the Sheriffs of Baltimore city and Anne Arundel county; six respectively, from a drawn panel of twelve each; whose duty it shall be to a condemn said bridge for removal; to fix for the same, a fair compensation to the owners, looking *only* to its *cost*. The amount so decided upon and awarded, to be paid equally by the State, and City of Baltimore.

The bridge to be removed, and a *free* bridge constructed from near the present terminus in Brooklyn, nearly due west, to a point in Baltimore county, to be discreetly selected by the Commissioners of Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties, and the Street Commissioners of Baltimore city; the materials of the present bridge, with the draw, to be used in the construction of the new bridge, as far as they may be found sound and in good condition. A street or streets to be opened and graded in Baltimore county under the supervision of the Commissioners, of Baltimore city, to intersect Russell street extended to the city limits, a free bridge to be erected by the city across Gwynn's Falls.

*Be it enacted*, That when the amounts to be paid to the owners of the present bridge, as awarded by the jury, the cost of removal of this present bridge, and the construction of the new bridge, to be free of toll, from Brooklyn to Baltimore county, near the points designated; the old bridge to be removed and the new bridge to be constructed under contracts, to be given out by, and under the supervision of the Commissioners of Anne Arundel county and Baltimore city jointly. The Comptroller of the State and city, respectively, be and are hereby authorized and instructed to include the gross amount of the expense, half each, in their estimated tax levy for the year 1877, for the collection of their respective amounts in said year.

*Be it enacted*, That any parties applying for a charter to establish a ferry from Brooklyn, Anne Arundel county, to Baltimore city, near Ferry Bar, be granted them, under such restriction as to fares, hours of running and general regulations as the Legislature in its wisdom may see fit to impose.