

times, if the owners thereof will, on or before the first day of October, 1876, 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.

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 on or before the first day of October, 1876, 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" westwardly, to a convenient and practicable point in Baltimore county; and the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by inquisition, purchase or otherwise all the lands and materials necessary for the construction of the said bridge and its abutments, and for necessary roads leading to and from the same for the convenience of public travel, and said bridge when built, shall be maintained and kept in proper repair by the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county as a free bridge; provided that the entire cost to said city and county of said bridge and abutments, together with the cost of the necessary lands and roads leading to and from the same, shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars.

Sec 3. And be it further enacted, That there shall be appointed annually, some competent person to act as a bridge-keeper, whose duty it shall be to attend to the opening and closing of the draw of the said bridge, so purchased or built, when required, and also to attend to such other duties in regard to keeping said bridge in safe and proper condition for public travel; and the said bridge-keeper shall receive for his services such compensation as the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county, shall think just and proper, to be provided for in their annual levy, which appointment shall be made the first year, and on the first day of April, every second year thereafter by the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county, and on the first day of April in every alternate year by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.