

CHAPTER 47.

AN ACT to build and establish a free bridge over Linchester River, at or near Choptank, in Caroline County, and to provide for free travel between Caroline and Dorchester Counties.

Bridge to be built. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Caroline and Dorchester counties be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to build a substantial bridge over said river, from some suitable point on the Caroline county shore, near the town of Choptank, to a convenient and practicable point on the Dorchester county shore, the position to be determined by the County Commissioners of the two counties; and the said County Commissioners of Caroline and Dorchester counties 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 said bridge, when built, shall be maintained and kept in proper repair by the said counties as a free bridge for the convenience of public travel.

Dimensions of bridge. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said bridge and abutments shall be built in the most secure and substantial manner, and shall not be less than eighteen feet wide, with railing on each side thereof, not less than four feet high, and there shall be a draw in said bridge of at least twenty-four feet in width, so as to afford a convenient passage to boats up and down said river.

Supervisors. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Caroline and Dorchester counties shall annually, at their first meeting in May in each year, appoint one person for each county, who shall be a land holder and resident of the respective election district in each county in which said bridge may be located; the said two persons so chosen shall elect a third person as a president, who shall be a resident and land holder of one of the election districts in which the said bridge may be located; and the said persons so chosen shall act as a board to superintend and manage the affairs of said bridge, under such rules and regulations as the said board so constituted may prescribe, and which shall have full and ample power for the superintendence and management of said bridge, but who shall serve without any compensation for their services.