

and causeways, according to plans and specifications to be by said commissioners furnished when requested so to do by any person or persons particularly interested therein; provided, however, that the contract for the building and constructing of said bridges and causeways shall not be awarded to any person or persons until such person or persons shall enter into a bond in double the amount of the bid or offer, which said bond shall be in the usual form and contain the usual conditions, and be subject to the approval or rejection of the said commissioners; and provided further, that the contract price shall in no case exceed the amount deposited in the Denton National Bank as provided for in section one of this act.

Bond of contractor

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That when the location of said bridges shall have been determined by the persons particularly interested therein, and the same shall have been communicated to the commissioners in writing, and when the provisions of sections one and two of this act shall have been complied with, the said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by inquisition, purchase or otherwise the lands necessary for the construction of said bridges and causeways; and said bridges when built and accepted by said commissioners shall be maintained and kept in proper repair by Caroline county as free bridges.

To acquire land.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners shall annually appoint some suitable and competent persons to act as bridge keepers, whose duty it shall be to attend to the opening and closing of the draw of said bridges, and also to attend to such other duties in regard to keeping said bridges in safe and proper condition for public travel; and the said bridge keepers shall receive such compensation for his services as the said County Commissioners shall deem just and proper, to be provided for, together with all other necessary expenses for maintaining and keeping said bridges in safe repair and condition, in the annual road levy for said county; provided, however, that the draw in said bridges shall at no time be left open longer than is necessary to allow the passage through said draw of the boat or steamer for which the same was opened.

Bridge keepers.

Compensation.

Approved April 6th, 1894.