

Erect a toll
house.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said County Commissioners are hereby authorized, if in their discretion the same may be deemed advisable or necessary, to erect at or near the end of either of said bridges a toll house, and are directed to appoint annually, the first appointment to date from the time when the bridges shall be completed and ready for public use, some competent and reliable person to act as bridge keeper, who shall always be on the spot when his duties may require his presence, to receive the rates and tolls as aforesaid, and to give free passage by raising or removing the draws, to all vessels or steamers which may approach said bridges for the purpose of passing through the same; the said keeper shall give bond to the said County Commissioners with good and sufficient security to be approved by them, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties, and safe custody and proper accounting of all money coming into his hands, and shall account monthly with the County Commissioners for all tolls collected by him, and shall then pay the same over to the said County Commissioners, and shall receive for his services such compensation as said County Commissioners shall think just and proper, the same to be provided for and paid out of tolls collected from said bridge.

Advertise for
proposals.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said County Commissioners, before contracting for the building of said bridges, shall advertise daily for proposals for the building of the same, for two successive weeks, in some daily newspaper published in the city of Baltimore, and also for three successive weeks in the newspaper or newspapers in Anne Arundel county, doing the county publishing, said proposals to be delivered sealed to the County Commissioners, and at the expiration of said period of advertisement the aforesaid County Commissioners shall open and examine said proposals, and award the contract for the building of the same to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, and the person or persons who shall be awarded the contract for building of the said bridges shall enter into bond in double the amount of the contract price for building said bridges, and if said contractor shall fail to comply with all the requirements and specifications of the same, and fail to give the required bond, the said County Commissioners shall have power to reject his or their bid, and the said Commissioners may give the work to the next highest bidder or advertise anew; provided, that no contract be entered into or bond received for the construction of said bridges unless the whole