

survey and locate so much of the public road, as it may become necessary to alter or change from its present location, by the selection of the place to erect the said bridge; and the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall ascertain by estimate or otherwise, the probable amount of costs, which it may require to build the said bridge, and alter said road, and the kind and the description of the bridge, best suited to the place, which said estimates, together with all the proceedings, surveys, suggestions and recommendations, which the said commissioners or a majority of them, may have made on the subject shall be returned as early as practicable by the said commissioners to the levy court aforesaid, under their hands and seals, upon oath or affirmation.

Estimate expenses of building, &c.

Return report.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That after the Levy court, of Dorchester county, shall have received from the aforesaid commissioners, or a majority of them; a full and fair return and account, under oath or affirmation of all their proceedings in the premises, the said court shall at their discretion forthwith determine whether the said bridge, shall be built or not.

Levy court may determine.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted* That if the said Levy court, shall determine to have the said bridge constructed, they shall have full power and authority to cause the said bridge to be built or constructed in the most durable and substantial manner, that they may deem proper for the public convenience and interest, and the Levy court aforesaid shall have power and full authority to levy on the assessable property in said county, a sufficient sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred dollars to defray the expenses of constructing said bridge, and altering the road aforesaid, together with all costs and charges incident to said work, and the collection of the monies levied to pay for said bridge, &c. *Provided*, that not more than one half the said sum shall be levied and collected in any one year.

Authorized to build

And levy not exceeding \$4000

Proviso.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That in case the said Levy court shall cause the said bridge to be built or constructed, they shall cause the same to be so built or constructed as to have a sufficient draw or slide, as may be necessary to allow or admit the free and easy passage of any boat, vessel, or craft, twenty two feet in width, passing or navigating up, or down the said creek.

Draw prescribed.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons, shall wilfully, carelessly, maliciously or otherwise injure, break or destroy the said bridge, or any part thereof, or any thing thereunto appertaining, or shall

Penalty for injuring the bridge.