

## CHAPTER 98.

Passed Mar. 6, 1856. AN ACT to authorize and require the County Commissioners for Kent and Queen Anne's counties to levy on their respective counties a sum of money to erect a free bridge over Chester river at a point called Crompton Ferry.

County commissioners authorized.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners for Kent and Queen Anne's counties be, and they are hereby authorized and required at their next annual assessment to levy on the taxable property of their respective counties a sum of money not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars to defray the costs of erecting a Bridge across Chester river at a point called Crompton Ferry.

Authorized to build bridge.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners of said counties be and they are hereby authorized to build said Bridge by contract and that for this purpose they shall advertise for proposals in one newspaper at least in each of said counties and in the City of Baltimore, which said advertisements shall specify the length of said bridge, the width thereof, the kind of materials of which it shall be built, the width of the draw and the nature of the abutments and that said advertisements shall be published at least four weeks before the opening of said proposals, and that the contract shall be given to the lowest bidder who shall give bond to the State for the performance of the contract.

To be built with a draw.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said Bridge shall be built in the most secure and substantial manner and of the best materials, and shall be secured and supported at each end by good and sufficient abutments, and shall not be less than twenty feet wide with railing on each side not less than four feet high, and there shall also be a draw over the deepest part of the channel not less than thirty eight feet wide so as to afford convenient passage to vessels up and down said river, which shall be allowed to pass without any charge.

To be free.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the said Bridge when erected, shall be free for all persons to cross over on foot, horseback, or in any sort of vehicle with goods and merchandise of any description, and

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