

## CHAPTER 343.

AN ACT to authorise the County Commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne's counties to contract for the free passage of the citizens of said counties over Chester River Bridge, at Chestertown.

Passed March  
6, 1858.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly that the citizens of Queen Anne's counties, residing in the vicinity of Chester River Bridge, are charged with the payment of large sums for the privilege of passing over said bridge, while they are also taxed in common with other citizens of their respective counties, to erect and keep up all other bridges in the said counties; and it is also represented that the Chester River Bridge Company are willing to enter into an agreement for a reasonable compensation whereby the equal privilege of getting to mill, market and church shall be secured to those persons residing in the vicinity, and to all other citizens of the said two counties, by passing over the said bridge, which is enjoyed in reference to all the other bridges in said counties; Therefore,

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's and Kent counties be and they hereby are respectively authorised and empowered, in their discretion, to contract, either directly or by agent, one or more to be appointed by them, or either of them, with the president and Directors of Chester River Bridge Company for the passage of the citizens of Queen Anne's and Kent counties respectively, their servants, wagons, carts and carriages, and effects across the said bridge, on such terms and conditions, and with such limitations as the contracting parties may agree upon, and the same contract, from time to time, to renew as the same may expire; and the said commissioners are hereby authorised to levy and assess upon the taxable property of their respective counties, the sum necessary to comply with said contract; *Pro-*

County Commissioners authorised to contract.