

personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid, John Meier & James Smith, and made the following Oath, to wit: "We John Meier & James Smith, subscribing Witnesses to the above Bond, do make Oath that David M. Todd, John M. Mason and James Woolford, Obligors mentioned in the said Bond, did personally, in our presence, sign, seal & deliver the said Bond, as their Act and deed, for the purposes therein mentioned."
 Sworn before me on the day above mentioned. Robt. Bell.

State of Maryland, Be it remembered that the following Bond was from Es. } recorded on the 21st day of April 1847, to wit:
 John Reed & others } Stamp } know all men by these presents that we
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John Reed, Jacob Wilson and William Howeth, of Dougherty County, are held & firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of Three hundred dollars, current money of the United States, to be paid to the said State, or its certain Attorney, to the which payment well & truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and Administrators in the whole & for the whole jointly and severally and firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this nineteenth day of April 1847.
 Whereas the Commissioners of Dougherty County by virtue of a Supplement to an Act entitled an Additional Supplement to the Act entitled an act to regulate Ferries have contracted with the said John Reed to keep the Ferry over the North West Fork of the Nantuxke commonly called Crotchers Ferry and agree to allow the said John Reed the sum of one hundred and ninety dollars current money for the same. NOW the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden John Reed shall faithfully and diligently keep the said Ferry over the North West Fork of Nantuxke River commonly called Crotchers Ferry from day light to day light from the first of November to the first of March and from an hour before to an hour after light for the residue of the year commencing on the first day of May 1847 & ending twelve months thereafter and shall keep constantly and in good order a Scow that will safely carry six passengers and three Horses at one trip with an able bodied and skilful hand to attend the Ferry aforesaid and shall not charge or receive any greater price for ferriage than what is allowed by law; then the above Obligation to be void otherwise of full force and virtue in law.
 Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of }
 Mr. Newton - Mr. L. Willis. }
 Approved by the Board of Commissioners for Dougherty County. April 19th. 1847.
 John Reed (Seal)
 Jacob Wilson (Seal)
 William Howeth (Seal)
 Just William Reed Clerk C. D. C.