

State of Maryland

from v 60.
Washington A. Smith & others

Be it remembered that the following
Bond was recorded on the 23rd day of
April 1857, to wit:

Stamp 15^{cts}
Know all men by these presents that
Thomas Simmons and William A.
Mills, of Dorchester County, are here and firmly bound unto the State of
Maryland in the full & 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 and truly to be made & done, we
here ourselves, our heirs, executors & administrators in the whole and for
the whole, jointly and severally, fairly by these presents sealed with
our seals and dated this 21st day of April in the year of Our Lord 1857.

Whereas the Commissioners of Dorchester County, by virtue of a supplement to
the act entitled an additional supplement to the act to regulate Ferries
have contracted with the said Washington A. Smith and Thomas J. Simmons
to keep the Ferry over Slaughter Creek from Taylor's Island to Mullins
neck, and agree to allow the said Washington A. Smith & Thomas J.
Simmons the sum of one hundred and fifty eight dollars, current money
for the same. Now the condition of the above Obligation is such
that if the above bounden Washington A. Smith & Thomas J. Simmons
shall faithfully and diligently keep the said Ferry over Slaughter Creek
from Taylor's Island to Mullins' neck 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 day light for the residue of the year, commen-
cing the tenth day of May 1857 and ending twelve months thereafter,
and shall keep constantly and in good order a Scow that will safely
carry three passengers and their Horses at one trip, with an able bodied
and skilful hand to attend the said Ferry, and shall not charge or receive
any greater price for services than what is allowed by law, then the
above Obligation to be void, otherwise of full force & virtue in Law.

Signed, Sealed & delivered
in the presence of
M^r. Muir
James Higgin

Washington A. Smith (Sd)
Thomas J. Simmons (Sd)
William H. Mills (Sd)

Approved by the Commissioners for Dorchester County April 21. 1857.

Josh. Hays Rec. Clk. C. D. C.