

Whereas the County Commissioners for 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 Wm Peckham, to keep the Ferry over the North West Fork of Nanticoke River, commonly called Gratches Ferry, and agree to allow the said Wm Peckham, the sum of One Hundred & ninety nine Dollars & 50 c Current money for the same. Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden Wm Peckham, shall well, faithfully and diligently keep the said Ferry over the North West Fork of Nanticoke River, commonly called Gratches Ferry, from the dawn of day light in the morning until the expiration of day light in the evening each day, from the tenth day of May 1856, until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty seven, and shall keep constantly and in good order a scow that will safely carry three passengers and three horses at one trip with an able bodied and skillful hand to attend the said Ferry, and shall not charge or receive any greater price for services than what is allowed by law

Signed, sealed & delivered
in the presence of
E W Dull

Wm Peckham
S. A. Rhodes
Richd. Rhodes

The above Bond & sureties approved by the County Commissioners for Dorchester County May 12th 1856
Josiah Jump Clerk to Commissioners

The State of Maryland Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified, that the following Bond was received and recorded on the 12th day of May 1856, to wit:
I W Benson & Others Know all men by these presents, that we I W Benson, James Robinson & Edward Burford, of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland, in the full and just sum of Three Hundred Dollars Current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said State or its certain Attorney, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves our heirs, Executors and administrators in the whole and for the whole, jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed, with our seals, and dated this ninth day of May, Eighteen Hundred and fifty six. Whereas the County Commissioners for 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 I W Benson, to keep the Ferry over the North East Prong of Nanticoke River from Sharp Point in Samuel County to the North West Fork in Dorchester County, and agree to allow the said I W Benson, the sum of One Hundred and thirty five Dollars Current money for the same. - Now the Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden I W Benson, shall well, faithfully and diligently keep the said Ferry over the North East Prong of Nanticoke River, from Sharp Point in Samuel County to the North West Fork in Dorchester County, from the dawn of day light in the morning until the expiration of day light in the evening each day, from the 10th day of May 1856, until the first day of January, Eighteen hundred and fifty seven, and shall keep constantly and in good order a Scow that will safely carry three passengers and three horses at one trip, with an able bodied and skillful hand, to attend the said Ferry, and shall not charge or receive any greater price for services than what is allowed by Law.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of
John Robinson of Elijah

Matthew W Benson Seal
James Robinson Seal