

The County Commissioners of Knowall men by these Presents that
 Dorchester County } We James Smith John G. Bell and
 James Smith Others } James Thompson, of Dorchester County in the
 State of Maryland are held and firmly
 bound unto the said County Commissioners
 as a body Corporate or Politic in the full and just sum of Two hundred
 Dollars Current money of Maryland to be paid to the said County
 Commissioners or to their certain Attorney, to the which payment
 will 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 Thirtieth day of November in the year of
 our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Whereas the County Commissioners for Dorchester County
 have contracted with the said James Smith to keep the
 Slaughter Creek Bridge draw for the year Eighteen hundred
 and fifty nine, and agree to allow the said James Smith the sum
 of One hundred Dollars Current money for the same,

Now the condition of the above obligation, is such that if the
 above bounden James Smith shall well and faithfully keep
 open the said Draw for vessels to pass through, from the dawn of
 daylight in the morning until the expiration of daylight in the evening
 each day and at any time of the night, when called on by the Master or
 some of the crew, of a vessel wanting to pass through from the first day
 of January Eighteen hundred and fifty nine until the 1st day of
 January 1860, then this obligation to be void and of none effect else of
 full force and virtue in Law.

Signed, Sealed and delivered }
 in the presence of }
 Benjamin S. Bell }
 James Smith { Seal }
 John G. Bell { Seal }
 James Thompson { Seal }
 mark }
 Approved by Order the board of County Commis }
 Dec 20th 1858. Robert P. LeCompte Clerk to County Commissioners

William C. Handy }
 from }
 Thomas Hicks Jr. }
 I, Thomas Hicks free colored man of Dor
 chester County in consideration of fifteen dollars paid me by
 William C. Handy of Dorchester County do hereby bargain and
 sell to the said William C. Handy the following property to wit Six
 bands of Corn more or less, five shoats, more or less, One handmill
 and all my household kitchen furniture, Witness my hand and seal
 January 15th 1859

Signed sealed and delivered in the }
 Presence of R. R. Robertson }
 Thomas Hicks { Seal }
 mark }