keep the said ferry over fishing Creek from Meekins Neck to Hoopers Island 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 Commencing the tenth day of May 1853 and ending twelve months thereafter and shall keep Constantly and in good order a scow that will safely Carry three passangers and their horses at one trip, with an able bodied & skilful hand to attend the said ferry and shall not charge or receive any greater price for ferriage than what is allowed him by law, then the above obligation to be void; otherwise of full force and virtue in law—

Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Wm Rea

William H. Mills (Seal)
Washington A. Smith (Seal)
William L. Meekins (Seal)

By the County Commissioners for Dorchester County May 9th 1853
This Bond approved by order
Test, Wm Rea Clerk, C.D.C.

State of Maryland
from
Washington A. Smith & others

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Stamp 15 Cents

Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that the following Bond was received and recorded on the 13th day of May 1853 to wit

Know all men by these presents; That we Washington A. Smith William K. Traverse & Wm. K. Mills of Dorchester County, are held and 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 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 9th day of May 1853 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 Washington A. Smith & Thomas C Simmons to keep the ferry over Slaughter Creek from Taylors Island to Meekins Neck and agree to allow the said Washington A Smith and Thomas C Simmons the sum of one hundred & Seventy five dollars current money for the same —

Now the Condition of the above obligation is such, That if the above bounden Washington A Smith & Thomas C Simmons shall faithfully and diligently keep the said ferry over Slaughter Creek from Taylors Island to Meekins 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 Commencing the tenth of May 1853 and ending Twelve months thereafter and shall keep Constantly and in good order a scow that will safely Carry three passangers 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 force and virtue in law—

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W. K. Traverse (Seal)
William H. Mills (Seal)

By the County Commissioners for Dorchester County
This Bond approved By order
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