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Authority to
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CHAPTER 168.

An act to authorise the building of a bridge over the River Patapsco at the place called Hammonds Ferry.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Samuel I. Donaldson, of the city of Baltimore, and Camilla Almeria Donaldson his wife, their heirs or assigns shall have full power and authority, at any time within five years hereafter to build and erect at their private expense, a cause way and bridge, over the river Patapsco, at a place commonly called Hammonds Ferry, which bridge when erected, shall be of sufficient width for all carriages to pass over the same; and that when said bridge shall be erected, it shall and may be lawful for the said Samuel I. Donaldson, and Camilla Almeria Donaldson his wife, their heirs and assigns for ever thereafter to ask, demand and receive as toll for passing over said bridge, according to the following rates, to wit: for each foot passenger, five cents; a man and horse, ten cents; for every two wheeled pleasure carriage and driver, twenty-five cents; for every other two wheeled carriage or cart and driver, twenty cents; four wheeled carriages and driver, with two horses, thirty seven and half cents; with four horses, fifty cents; a horse without a rider, six cents; horned cattle, four cents each; and sheep and hogs each two cents; for each passenger (other than the driver) in any cart, wagon or carriage, five cents; *provided always,* and it is the true intent and meaning of this act, that the said Samuel I. Donaldson, and Camilla Almeria Donaldson his wife, their heirs and assigns shall not be permitted, in virtue of the power hereby vested in them, to obstruct, or in any manner impede the passing and repassing of vessels of any size or description in said river, at the place aforesaid; but the said Samuel I. Donaldson, and Camilla Almeria Donaldson, their heirs or assigns, shall be obliged to have a free passage kept open for the same, either by draw bridge or otherwise.

Provisoes.

Authorised
to sell, &c.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Samuel I. Donaldson, and Camilla Almeria Donaldson, his wife, their heirs or assigns, shall have full power and authority to sell the land on both sides of the river Patapsco, at the said place, called Hammonds Ferry, with the privilege hereby granted to any person or persons, or body corporate, now in existence, or hereafter to be created, who, on making a purchase of said lands and privilege shall be entitled to all the benefits of this act.

Penalty if out
of repair.

3. *And be it enacted,* That should the said bridge be suffered to become out of repair, so as to render the said bridge dangerous or impossible to be passed and repassed, except when the same may be undergoing repair, the owner or owners thereof shall be liable to be indicted therefor, either in Baltimore or Anne Arundel county court; and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine in the discretion of said court in which the said conviction may be had, in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and the costs of prosecution.