

An ACT for building a bridge over Tuckahoe creek.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of Caroline county, by their Preamble. petition to this general assembly, have set forth, that the bridge commonly called Tuckahoe bridge is almost impassable, and that the expence of making the necessary repairs would exceed the jurisdiction of the county court in such case, and without the interposition of the legislature they will in a short time be deprived of the benefit of the said bridge; that the chapel in Saint John's parish (which extends into the several counties of Talbot, Queen-Anne's, and Caroline) and also a public warehouse, stand near the said bridge, and are frequented and used by the inhabitants of the several counties aforesaid; that it is apprehended a free intercourse between the inhabitants of the said counties, by the bridge across the said creek, will promote the mutual interest, and ought to be supported at the joint expence of the said counties, in such proportion as is equitable; and the said petitioners have prayed that an act may pass, empowering certain persons to be appointed by the general assembly to contract for the building a new bridge at or near the old bridge, and that the public road may be altered and a new one laid out, as the fixing a new bridge may make necessary, and that the expence thereof may be levied on the inhabitants of the counties aforesaid, in such proportion as shall seem meet to the general assembly:

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That John Fisher for Queen-Anne's county, John Hardcastle for Talbot county, and Charles Daffin for Caroline county, shall be and are hereby appointed Commissioners appointed, &c. commissioners for the purpose of building the said new bridge, and they, or the major part of them, are hereby empowered to cause the said old bridge to be pulled down, at such time as they shall judge necessary, and the materials thereof, or such of them as they may think proper, to use and apply in erecting and building the said new bridge; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, are also empowered, as soon as conveniently may be, to cause the said new bridge to be erected and built at the same place where the old bridge now stands; which said new bridge shall be erected, built, and finished, in the best and most substantial manner it can for the money to be granted by virtue of this act; and they, or the major part of them, are hereby fully empowered, in their discretion, to agree for the said work with a contractor or contractors, for the whole, entire or in parcels, or to purchase materials, and hire workmen and labourers to do the said work, as to them shall seem best.

III. And, Whereas the inhabitants of Talbot, Queen-Anne's, and Caroline counties, will be greatly benefited by the said new bridge, when erected, built, and finished, and it is just and reasonable that the said counties should bear the expences of building the same, in proportion to the advantages derived to each thereby:

IV. Be it enacted, That the justices of Talbot, Queen-Anne's, and Caroline counties, for the time being, shall, and they are hereby directed and required to meet at the place of holding their county courts Justices to assist money, &c. respectively,