

said William E. Williams, engaging for himself, his heirs and assigns, that if at any future day the levy court of Frederick county shall think proper to make the same a free bridge, he or they shall surrender and give up their right to receive toll for the said bridge, upon receiving a reasonable compensation for his trouble and expense, to be estimated by indifferent persons, chosen as herein after expressed and declared: And whereas the plan proposed by the said William E. Williams for erecting a toll bridge over Monocacy River, appears to this general assembly to be beneficial to the public, Therefore,

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Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said William E. Williams, his heirs and assigns, to erect and build, maintain and support, a good and substantial bridge over and across the said river Monocacy, at Williams' ferry as aforesaid.

Bridge may be built.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the property of the aforesaid bridge when built, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said William E. Williams, his heirs and assigns, forever, and that the said William E. Williams, his heirs or assigns, shall and may demand and receive toll from travellers and others, according to the following rates, viz: for every coach, chariot, phaeton, loaded wagon, or other four wheel carriage and team, fifty cents; for every unloaded wagon and team twenty-five cents; for every chaise, riding chair, cart, or other two wheeled carriage and team, twenty-five cents; for every sleigh and team twenty-five cents; for every sled and team twelve and a half cents; for every single horse and rider six and a quarter cents; for every foot passenger two cents; for every head of horned cattle, sheep, mules, horses, &c. or swine, two cents.

—to be vested in W E Williams.—Tolls,

3. *And be it further enacted,* That if the said William E. Williams, his heirs or assigns, or whosoever shall hereafter own or possess the said bridge, shall exact or demand any greater or other rates or prices for the passage over the same than what is herein before prescribed or specified, or shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good repair, he, she or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of twenty dollars, one moiety thereof to the state, and the other moiety to the party complaining, or who may sue for the same, to be recovered before any justice of the peace of the said county.

Penalty for demanding greater tolls than are allowed.

4. *And be it further enacted,* That whensoever, at any time after the erection and building of the said bridge, it shall seem expedient to the levy court of Frederick county to constitute and make the same bridge, so erected and built, a free bridge, the governor and council for the time being shall, on the application of the levy court of Frederick county, appoint five commissioners, who shall estimate what sum or sums of money the said William E. Williams, his heirs or assigns, shall be entitled to receive as a compensation for his trouble and expenses in building and maintaining the said bridge, which sum or sums shall be paid to him or them by the levy court of Frederick county, and upon the payment or tendering of the said sum of money by the levy court to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, the property in the said bridge shall be vested in Frederick county; *Provided always,* that this act shall have no effect, unless the levy court, at their next annual meeting, shall agree

Cost of building to be estimated.

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