

river, at or near Williston,\* in Caroline County, with suitable causeways and approaches thereto, and also to build a similar bridge, causeways and approaches over said river, at a point at or near the wharf known as Gadd's wharf, on the east side of said river, to a point on the west side thereof, to intersect the public road leading from Denton bridge to James B. Wilson's mill, said bridge to be constructed either of wood or iron or both, in the discretion of the said commissioners, to be not less than eighteen feet wide in the clear, with railings on each side thereof not less than four feet high, and shall have a draw therein of sufficient width to afford convenient passage to boats and steamers upon and down said river. which said draw shall at all times be opened on the approach of boats and steamers so as not to delay or interrupt their passage; provided, however, that the said commissioners shall not build said bridges and causeways or either of them until the estimated cost thereof shall have been, by the persons particularly interested therein, deposited in the Denton National Bank, subject to the order only of the County Commissioners of Caroline County.

1894, ch. 618, sec. 2.

**73.** Said bridges and causeways shall be built by contract and not otherwise, and that the estimated cost thereof mentioned in Section 72 of this Article, shall be determined by the lowest and best offer that shall be made for the building and constructing the same; and the County Commissioners are hereby authorized to advertise for sealed proposals for building and constructing said bridges and causeways, according to plans and specifications to be by said commissioners furnished when requested so to do by any person or persons particularly interested therein; provided, however, that the contract for the building and constructing of said bridges and causeways shall not be awarded to any person or persons until such person or persons shall enter into a bond in double the amount of the bid or offer, which said bond shall be in the usual form and contain the usual conditions, and be subject to the approval or rejection of the said commissioners; and provided further, that the contract price shall in no case exceed the amount deposited in the Denton National Bank as provided for in Section 72 of this Article.

1894, ch. 618, sec. 3.

**74.** When the location of said bridges shall have been determined by the persons particularly interested therein, and the same shall have been communicated to the Commissioners in writing, and when the provisions of Sections 72 and 73 of this Article shall have been complied with, the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by inquisition, purchase or otherwise the lands necessary for the construction of said bridges and causeways; and said bridges when built and accepted by said Commissioners shall be maintained and kept in proper repair by Caroline County as free bridges.

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\*Formerly Potter's Landing. See 1890, ch. 96.