

cipal a certain bond with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company as surety, in the penalty of \$50,000., running to the United States of Amreica in connection with the erection of the Bridge across the South branch of the Patapsco river.

WHEREAS the State Roads Commission of the State of Maryland, in constructing the bridge across the south branch of the Patapsco River, desired to build a girder bridge instead of a draw span, at a large saving in the cost of said bridge;

AND WHEREAS the Secretary of War of the United States of America gave permission to the said State Roads Commission to construct and maintain a bridge provided that the said State Roads Commission executed a corporate surety bond in the penalty of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) dollars conditioned that a draw span should be placed in said bridge wherever and in such manner as the Secretary of War might hereafter direct, and to make such other changes as might be required, all within the time specified in such order or orders of the said Secretary of War;

AND WHEREAS the said State Roads Commission of Maryland, acting upon said authority and permission, reply to the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company for a bond conditioned as aforesaid and in the penalty aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS, the said United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company agreed to execute as surety such bond and did in fact execute such bond upon condition that the said State Roads Commission of the State of Maryland sign an agreement of indemnity saving the said United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company harmless against all loss, cost, damage, charge and expense that might accrue to it by reason of any breach or default of under said bond, which said agreement of indemnity the said State Roads Commission of the State of Maryland did afterwards execute;

AND WHEREAS, at the time of the execution of said agreement of indemnity and said bond the legal authority of the said State Roads Commission of the State of Maryland to execute said agreement of indemnity and bond was questioned, and it was thereupon agreed that application should be made to the General Assembly of Maryland at its January Session, 1916 for the passage of an Act ratifying and confirming the