

Iron Stone Ridge at a point commonly known as Stump's Hill in Frederick County, and by the said Act the County Commissioners of Frederick County were authorized and empowered to purchase from said Le Gore said Stone Arch Bridge and the Roads leading thereto, also constructed by said Le Gore, for the use of said County as fully and to the same extent as other County Bridges and Public Roads are now held and owned by said County; and,

WHEREAS, The said Le Gore has by the expenditure of large sums of money and the application of years of time and labor, well and commendably constructed and maintained said Stone Arch Bridge and Roads leading thereto and the same have been freely and generally used by the public for a number of years past, for which the said Le Gore has not received any payment, compensation or return whatsoever; and,

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland since 1904 has appropriated annually large sums of money to be expended as State aid to the Counties of the State, and as a contribution toward the expenses of building roads and erecting bridges in the respective counties, said appropriations by the State being usually Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per annum to be divided among the counties of the State according to the proportion which the existing miles of public road in a county bear to the existing miles of public road in all of the counties, and as Frederick County since 1904 has but slightly availed itself of the benefits of said Acts, and hence Frederick County has a claim upon the State for aid in the construction of Roads and Bridges superior to that of the other Counties of the State; and,

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners of Frederick County and James W. Le Gore have entered into an agreement for the purchase of said bridge and roads for the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) and no more of which sum to be paid by Frederick County and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) out of Frederick County's apportionment or allotment of the appropriations by the State for State Aid or County Roads; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Frederick County be and they are hereby empowered and directed to purchase and acquire from the said James W. Le Gore. his heirs or