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that from Corbetta to Joyner Ferry is about one mile from Corbetta to Black
water Bridge is eight miles and that the distance from Joyner Ferry to
B. Bridge so that the distance from Jerusalem to Suffolk and Norfolk
is from either of those places to Jerusalem and the upper County, would be
at least seven or eight miles. This should only be an object of
importance especially when it is recollected that so large a portion of our
business find a market at those places. It would also open a direct
communication from the adjoining Counties of Isle of Wight and Portsmouth
and remove that inconvenience which the Counties have so long experienced
for the want of a public bridge across B. water, at some central point
between B. M. Bridge and South Quay a distance of twenty or thirty
miles thickly inhabited on both sides with roads running parallel with
the said river this in the opinion of your Commissioners ought to
justify the expense of the proposed road and bridge, but when they
take into view the great Public Benefit likely to result from it together
with the spirit of improvement which they are happy to find seems to
inspire its self amongst our Citizens, they cannot therefore hesitate a
moment in recommending the adoption of a measure so desirable -
Your Commissioners are fully aware of the very high prices that all
our public works go at when let publicly to the lowest bidder
they would therefore be loath to suggest to the Court, should they carry
the above measure into effect to appoint Commissioners in whom they
have full confidence with power to let out the work either publicly or
privately as to them may seem but Your Commissioners are of the
opinion that five hundred dollars will cover all the expenses to the less
Committee, provided the work be managed with proper care and attention
Signed under our hands this 28th day of April 1872, John Bowers
John Lankford, Elisha Lewis - Whereupon it is Resolved by the
Court that the said report be recorded and it is further ordered and ordered
that John Lankford, William Joyner, Elisha Lewis and John Bowers or
any three of them, being first sworn by a Justice of the peace with
power appointed by the County Court of Isle of Wight, do let to the lowest
bidder the opening of a road and the building of the bridge and
black water as above proposed, either publicly or privately as they
shall think best taking a bond with good
surety from the undertaker or undertakers payable to his Excellency Thomas
Mansfield Esq. Governor or his Successor in office, Conditions for the
said full performance of the undertaking and when completed that
they or each of them as may acknowledge a report thereof to the Court
Ordered that Josiah Mansfield, William Bowers and Amos
Joyner or any two of them let to the lowest bidder the repairs of
the bridge across James B. Mansfield's mill race, after giving reasonable
notice of the time and place of letting the same, that they take
a bond with good security payable to his Excellency for the faithful