

An act entitled an act granting S. R. Welch the privilege to erect a bridge on Bayouzigle at the present crossing of the road leading from Fort Smith, to Boggy Depot, and establish a toll-gate thereon.

Section 1<sup>st</sup> Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the privilege is hereby granted to S. R. Welch to establish a toll bridge across Bayouzigle at the present crossing of the road leading from Fort Smith, to Boggy Depot, on the following conditions, that if the said S. R. Welch shall will and truly erect or cause to be erected a bridge across said Bayouzigle, he shall be entitled and receive therefor, from persons passing over the same, except citizens of this Nation, the rates of toll, to wit; For each four-wheeled wagon or vehicle drawn by a span of horses, mules, or oxen, twenty-five cents, and ten cents for each additional span; ten cents for man and horse; for each animal in a drove of horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, one cent; for each led horse or mule, five cents.

Section 2<sup>nd</sup> Be it further enacted, That any person or persons not citizens of this

Nation, refuse to pay the toll aforesaid, upon application with proper proof being made to the United States Indian Agent, he shall take such steps as may be necessary to secure and collect the same.

Section 3<sup>rd</sup> Be it further enacted, That the privilege herein granted shall take effect and be in force, whenever the said D. R. Welch shall well and erect or cause to be erected a good and substantial bridge across ~~the~~ said Bayouzil, and so long as he keep the same in good order, and is responsible to all person or persons crossing the same with their property, but shall in <sup>any</sup> way be responsible for damages that may happen to citizens of this Nation; provided, that the privilege continue for no longer period than ten years.

Section 4<sup>th</sup> Be it further enacted, That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Maurice Cass.  
Proposer

granting J. R. Welch  
to erect a Bridge  
across Bayouzil  
Creek, and collect  
toll &c.

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time expired

Bill 9  
Passed the House  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1874

W. W. Hampton  
Speaker

Approved Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>  
1874.

Coleman Leale  
Principal Chief  
C. S.

Passed the Senate  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1874

J. B. Moore  
President Senate

Oct 29 1874

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