An Act

for establishing a ferry over Great Oposheo River at a Place called Idle Bluff, and for vesting the same in John Dorson, the Aboes for Executors and Administrators for the space of six years.

First Time, 8th May
Second Time 11th
Third Time, 13th—
and Passed the Common House of Assembly.

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Mr. Burington 1st
Upper House of Assembly,

First Time, 18th May
Second Time 20th
Third Time, 26th and
Tried—

Read

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Chas. Watson, Esq.

9 June, 1761.
An Act

for establishing a ferry over Great Oceche River at a place called Stone Bluff, and for
buying the same of John Deveaux, the executors and administrators for the space
of ten years.

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly
of this Province, entitled An Act to empower the several
Surveyors thereto appointed to lay out Publick Roads in the
Province of Georgia. It is Enacted that where the Surveyor
may find it necessary in their several Districts or Divisions
to appoint Ferries over River or Creeks for the Convenience,
and proper Communication of the Inhabitants, they are
thereby empowered to establish the same and agree with
any discreet and sober Person to find a Proper Road to attend
the said Ferry and to settle the Value of the same which shall
be accordingly paid until the making of the next General
Assembly. And Whereas agreeable to the Directions
of the said Act, the Surveyors of the South West Road in the
Parishes of Christ Church and Saint Philip respectively have
established a Ferry over the River great Oceche at a place
called Stone Bluff and settled the Value of the said Ferry
and have agreed with John Deveaux the Clerk to attend the
same. And Whereas the said John Deveaux hath
been at considerable Trouble and Expense in providing
proper Roads to attend the same. We therefore humbly pray
Your most Sacred Majesty that it may be Enacted, and
Be it Enacted by the Honourable James Wright,
Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in chief
in and over this the Majesties Province of Georgia, by and
with the Advice and Consent of the Honourable Council
and Commons House of Assembly of the said Province
in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same,
that from and immediately after the passing of this Act
One hundred acres of land at the River Great Opee, reserved for a ferry over the said River, together with the Tollage thereon at the said Place, called Fine Bluff, shall be and is hereby vested in John Deveaux, the Elder, his Executors and Administrators for and during the Term of six years from the passing of the Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority of and in that the said John Deveaux, his Executors or Administrators shall provide and keep at the said Ferry during the said Term of Six Years a good and sufficient Ferryboat, not less than twenty feet long and twenty feet wide, and a house with two or more rooms, and necessary for the transporting all Passengers, Horses, and Cattle, and shall also immediately build a good framed House not less than twenty feet long and eighteen feet wide, which said Buildings shall be at the Expiration of the said Term be valued and appraised by the Commissioners for the Time being, and the said John Deveaux be paid for the same by the Publick of this Province.

And whereas the Commissioners are authorized to select the said Ferry by an Act, intitled, An Act to improve the several Towns and the same, which is to lay out publick Roads in the Province of Georgia, do agree with the said John Deveaux for the Rates herein after specified at a Term when no other person would accept the same for less than the said Terms and Rates.

Be it therefore further enacted that it shall and may be lawful for the said John Deveaux, his Executors and Administrators and no other Person or Persons whatsoever during the said Term to ask Demand and receive of and from all and every Person or Persons passing and repassing at the said Ferry the several and respective Rates and Prices herein after mentioned.
Oath of the Party delayed, or any other Witness whom
he shall or they shall produce, and the said Justice,
shall issue his Summons against the party complained
of, and shall proceed in the same way and manner as is
directed by the before mentioned Act.

And be it further enacted by the
Authority aforesaid, That the Honourable James
Hobson, Sir and James Mackay Esquires James
and Elisha Butler and Joseph Douglas Esquires,
are hereby appointed Commissioners for putting this
Act in Execution who are hereby directed and required
from Time to Time as often as occasion may be, to
superintend the said Ferry, and see that the same
be well and duly attended agreeable to the Intention
of this Act, and that the Boats are kept in good condition,
and that no excises or duties are committed by the
said Ferryman or his Servants, and in case of the Death
of the same, that the Province or Refusal to act of any
of the said Commissioners hereby appointed, it shall
and may be lawful for the Governor and Council to
appoint one or more Commissioners or Commissioners
in the Room of him or them so dying, refusing to act,
or departing the Province who shall have the same
Power and Authority as the Commissioners are nominated
by this act. Provided always and it is hereby enacted
by the Authority aforesaid that it shall not be lawful for the
said John Deereaux, his Executors or Administrators, to
Clear or Cultivate more than sixty acre of the said One
hundred acre granted for the use of the said Ferry.

By Order of His Honour,
James Hobson

In the Council Chamber,
this First day of June,
1761, Appointed to

By Order of the Honorable
Houses of Assembly,

Gray Elliott, Speaker.

Ali Wright.