

adequate road or highway practically precludes the farmers in that section from raising and marketing food crops on hundreds of acres of valuable and productive land; therefore:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State Roads Commission of Maryland is hereby authorized and directed as soon after the passage of this Act as practicable, to build, construct and thereafter maintain as a part of the State Road System, an improved concrete or gravel highway from Hughesville, in Charles County, Maryland, to Benedict, in said county and State, a distance of about six miles.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from June 1, 1918.

Approved April 18th, 1918.

#### CHAPTER 456.

AN ACT to add a new Article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be known as Article 25A, and to be entitled "Chartered Counties of Maryland," said Article providing a grant of express powers to such of the counties of Maryland as shall adopt a charter or form of government under the provisions of Article XI-A of the Constitution of the State, adopted by the people at the November Election, 1915, and entitled "Local Legislation."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Article be and the same hereby is added to the Annotated Code of Maryland, the same to be known as Article 25A, to be entitled "Chartered Counties of Maryland," and to read as follows:

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1. The inhabitants of any county adopting a charter or form of government under the provisions of Article XI-A of the Constitution of the State by virtue of such adoption shall have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued; may purchase or otherwise acquire and hold real, personal and mixed property, either absolutely or in trust for any public purpose; may dispose of the same subject to the limitations herein provided, if not contrary to the terms of any trust; may have.