

C H A P. XXIX.

An ACT to streighten and amend the post road from Havre-de-Grace to Baltimore-town. Passed May 18.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That John Egar Howard, James Calhoun, of Baltimore county, William Smith, (Bay-side) Gabriel Christie and Samuel Griffith, of Harford county, or any three of them be, and are hereby appointed, commissioners to streighten, open and amend, the said road in such places and manner as to them shall appear most convenient, not going in or through any building, yard, garden, meadow or orchard; and the commissioners aforesaid, or any three of them, may and shall cause the said road to be well cleared, stoned and grubbed, forty feet wide, and shall cause necessary bridges and causeways to be made, and convenient trenches and ditches to be cut for draining and leading off the water from the said roads, and shall also cause mile-stones to be set up. Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or any three of them, are hereby empowered to contract with any person or persons for building a good and substantial bridge over the Great Falls of Gun-Powder, at the most convenient place, and shall and may cause a gate or turnpike to be erected at the said bridge, and be entitled to demand and receive the following tolls: For every four-wheel riding carriage, including horses and driver, eight-pence; for every two-wheel riding carriage, horse and driver, six-pence; for all waggons and other carriages, including horses and driver, eight-pence each; for every horse and rider, two-pence. Who may contract for building a bridge, &c.

III. Be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or any three of them, may collect money by private subscription or a lottery, or they may pledge the tolls hereafter to be collected in virtue of this act, and raise a sum of money on loan, on the credit thereof, and the same apply towards opening, amending and keeping in repair, the said road, and building and supporting the bridge aforesaid, as also towards payment and satisfaction of all damages which individuals may sustain by the streightening the said road, which damages shall be ascertained in the same manner, and under the same limitations, as are provided in and by the act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, passed this present session; provided nevertheless, that the said tolls so pledged to the person or persons advancing money thereon, shall be void when the said monies so advanced, with eight *per cent.* interest, shall be repaid them. And collect money by subscription, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said road, when laid out and streightened, shall be considered as a public road, and the overseers of the road shall be obliged to work on the same in such manner as is heretofore provided by law for other public roads. To be deemed a public road, &c.

V. Be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall render annually to the county court, to be held for the respective counties, a true, full and fair account, of all monies by them collected and expended by virtue of this act. Commissioners to render account, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any of the said commissioners shall die or refuse to act, that the other commissioners may appoint another person or persons in his or their stead. How vacancies are to be filled.

C H A P. XXX.

An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery. Passed May 18.

WHEREAS doubts have been conceived, that under the powers heretofore vested in the high court of chancery the chancellor cannot grant relief in certain cases, or pronounce any decree against persons not residing in this state, and many cases may arise where justice requires that order should be taken therein; Preamble.

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