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pence, in Queen-Anne's a sum not exceeding three shillings, in Frederick a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence, in Harford a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence, in Caroline a sum not exceeding two shillings and six-pence, in Montgomery a sum not exceeding two shillings and six-pence, in Allegany a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence, in Kent county a sum not exceeding two shillings and six-pence, on every hundred pounds of assessable property in the said counties, to be collected as other county taxes, and paid to the justices of the levy court, or to their order, and shall be applied towards freighting and amending the public roads in the said counties; and the said justices, or a majority of them, in their respective counties, shall have full power and authority to appropriate the funds arising from the said tax to the roads in their respective counties, and shall apportion the same in equal proportion among all the public roads of their respective counties, regarding the situation and quantity of labour necessary for the improvement of such roads, except as above excepted with respect to Cecil county, and to anticipate the collection of any of the said taxes, by permitting (if expedient) the supervisor or supervisors to accept of labour in lieu thereof at the customary rate of labour for the time, which supervisor or supervisors shall issue orders to those by whom such labour may be rendered, expressing therein, in writing, the duration or time of such labour, the rate thereof by the day or month, as the case may be, by whom and for whose account the same was rendered, and the whole amount or value thereof, to be received in taxes by the collector or collectors of his county in discharge of monies due or owing for this particular tax.

To fix rates,
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That the justices of the counties aforesaid shall, at their meeting under this law, and on every annual meeting thereafter, for the regulation of the conduct of the supervisors, fix and establish proper and reasonable rates or prices for the hire of labourers, horses, carts, waggons or other carriages, to be worked or used on the roads of their respective counties, and shall publish the same in every hundred of their respective counties.

Make out
lists, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the justices of the levy court, at every such meeting, shall make out separate and distinct lists of all the taxable persons in each hundred within their county, together with the amounts of their respective road taxes, and shall furnish the collector of the county with copies thereof within ten days after their said meeting, and the said collector shall leave with every taxable person in the hundreds an account of his said road tax, within sixty days thereafter, under the penalty of five shillings for every such omission.

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V. And be it enacted, That when a majority of the justices of the peace in any one county named in this act meet in session at their levy court, that then they, or a majority of them, on application in writing, signed by two thirds of the inhabitants of any hundred or hundreds through which any roads do or may pass, to widen and freighten any old road heretofore laid out as a public road, shall have power and authority to appoint three discreet persons, freeholders in the said county, commissioners, who shall not hold any part of the lands through which the said road or roads may pass, nor be related to the person or persons holding the land that may be affected by the running of the said roads, to view, survey and plot, the said road so applied for, and make a return thereof to the said court at their next meeting, who, on receiving such plot or plots, shall examine the same, and all the evidence that shall or may be offered for or against the said road or roads, as returned, and may reject or confirm the same as a public road, or may direct the said commissioners to alter and amend the said plot, and when so amended, may reject or confirm the same, and when confirmed, shall accordingly direct the commissioners to mark and bound the said road or roads, not exceeding forty feet in width clear of ditches, and direct a supervisor or supervisors to clear and improve the same, in the same manner, and on the same terms, as other roads, and upon completing the same, the said road shall be deemed a public road, and shall be kept in repair as all other public roads in said county are by this law directed to be kept; provided also, that notice be set up in writing, by advertisement, at least three weeks, in the most public places in such hundred