

culvert or culverts, mentioned in the foregoing sections, shall be borne by the county; and how much of the same in each instance shall be borne by any person or persons, corporation or corporations, so as aforesaid in interest.

Sec. 217E. In order that any claim or claims of adjoining property-holders may be fairly dealt with, the County Commissioners shall have power upon presentation of any such claim or claims, after such reasonable notice as they may fix to the claimants and all other parties interested in such claim or claims of the time and place of such hearing, and determine such claim or claims, and fix the amount, if any thereof, and at the same time or times what part thereof, if any, shall be paid by any person or persons, corporation or corporations, that in the judgment of said County Commissioners will be benefited by such change, and said County Commissioners, in their discretion, may require such person or persons, corporation or corporations to pay or secure the payment, or make a binding agreement to pay the same or any part thereof before proceeding with the work, or require such an agreement to be included in the contract provided for in Section 217D hereof. (Section next before last, refer to it by No.)

Claims of adjoining property holders.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from December 1st, 1900.

Approved April 10, 1900.

CHAPTER 686.

AN ACT to encourage the establishment and development of manufactures and manufacturing in Worcester County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Worcester County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, whenever it shall seem expedient for the encouragement of the establishment of manufactures and manufacturing industries in said county, to provide by ordinance for the exemption from taxation for county purposes, for any certain period of time in their discretion deemed advisable, any lands and buildings thereon in said county used by such manufactures in the usual conduct of and for the usual purposes of their manufacturing business, and any mechanical tools or implements, whether worked by hand or steam or motive power, machinery, manufacturing apparatus or engines owned by any individual, firm or corporation in said county and properly subject to valuation and taxation

Worcester Co. Authority to exempt from taxation manufacturing industries, etc.