

county, such sum or sums of money as they may deem necessary to be levied by instalments of one, two and three years. Levy therefor.

And it shall be incumbent upon said commissioners to proceed to the discharge of the various duties imposed by this act, as soon as the public convenience, in their judgment, will permit. Instalments

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That after the erection of said alms-house, and the same shall have been prepared for use, the commissioners aforesaid, shall require whenever they may deem it just, those indigent persons who receive pensions by county assessment, to relinquish the same, and repair to the protection which may be afforded by the alms-house, hereby intended to be established, and if such persons when so required shall refuse or neglect to comply, they shall be debarred such pensions by county assessment. Pensioners to move to. Or debarred

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PRISONERS.

See 'Debtors and Prisoners,' ante page 1324.

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PUBLIC ROADS.

AN ACT relating to Public Roads in this State, and to Repeal the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned.—1794, ch. 52.

The very many modifications of this law will be noticed under the title of the 'County,' to which they appropriately belong.

WHEREAS, the present modes of repairing public roads, under the existing laws of this state, are found by experience inadequate to the purposes intended, and are partial and unjust in their operation, and it is found necessary that proper persons be invested with the power of straightening old roads; therefore, Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of the peace for Baltimore, Talbot, Somerset, Cecil, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Frederick, Harford, Caroline, Montgomery, Allegany and Kent counties, or a majority of the said justices in each of the said counties, are hereby authorized and required to meet annually, at the places and at the usual time for holding their levy court in their respective counties, and when so met, the said justices, or a majority of them then present, shall be and they are hereby authorized and required annually to levy, by equal assessment on the assessable property within their counties respectively, a sum of money as follows, to wit: in Baltimore a sum not exceeding one shilling and three-pence, in Talbot a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence, in Somerset a sum not exceeding one shilling and six-pence, in Cecil a sum of money not exceeding three shillings, and one-third of the money levied on the inhabitants on the east and south side of Elk river, shall be expended on the roads on the east and south side of said river, in the said county, in Prince George's a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence, in Queen Anne's a sum not Justices to meet, &c.