

ROADS.

1798, ch. 16 ; 1816, ch. 65 ; 1821, ch. 33, merged in 1822, ch. 58.

AN ACT relating to the Public Roads in Caroline County.—1822, ch. 58.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the present mode of repairing the public roads in Caroline county, is found by experience to be imperfect, and subject to various abuses, whereby the county taxes are much enhanced, to the emolument of individuals only ; therefore,

Levy court directed.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of the levy court for the county aforesaid, or a majority of them be, and they are hereby authorized and required to meet together on the 1st Monday of April next, and on the same day in every year thereafter, at the court-house in said county, and when so met together, the said justices, or a majority of them, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required (if not already done to their satisfaction) to describe, ascertain, and distinctly record, in a well bound book, to be (if necessary) provided by them for that purpose, the several and respective roads and public highways in the said county, and to nominate and appoint capable and judicious persons as supervisors of the several and respective roads aforesaid, according to the number and divisions of the said roads into districts, as the same are or shall be ascertained upon their records according to the discretion of the said court, as to the number of districts.

Supervisor; penalty.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any person appointed a supervisor, in virtue of this act, and refusing to serve as such, or to comply with the requisites thereof, except for a reasonable excuse, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered in the name of the state, before any justice of the peace of said county ; such suit to be ordered by the levy court, if in session, at the time of such refusal ; but if in the recess of their session, then to be ordered by the president of said court, and when recovered to be applied by the levy court towards defraying the county charges ; *Provided,* that no one person shall be compelled to act as supervisor more than one year in every three years, without his consent.

Vacancy.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if any supervisor appointed under this act shall refuse to act, remove out of the county, become disqualified, or die, in the recess of the said court, it shall and may be lawful for any two justices of the said levy court to supply every such vacancy so happening, by the appointment of another suitable person to act as supervisor, under the same penalties and regulations as if he had been appointed by a majority of the said justices ; and the said justices shall certify every such appointment under their hands to the clerk