

Present gates, and no more admitted.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons in Kent county, who at the present time have and keep any gate or gates on the public roads in the said county, to continue to have and keep the same and no more, subject nevertheless to all the taxes, impositions, restrictions and conditions herein after prescribed.

Conditions.

Well hung and road in order.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all and every owner or owners of a gate or gates kept on the public roads in the county aforesaid, shall have his, her or their gate or gates, hung on good and sufficient iron hinges, swinging clear and free, and easily to be opened, and shall keep the same, and that part of the road which they shall occupy immediately round about said gate or gates, for the space of ten yards, in good order and repair, so as to impede as little as possible, persons travelling with carriages of pleasure or burthen.

Annual tax.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That on all gates authorized by this act to be kept on the public roads, the owner or owners thereof shall pay a tax of one dollar for each of the years eighteen hundred and thirty-seven and eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and a tax of two dollars and fifty cents for every year thereafter, for each and every gate by him, her or them kept on the public roads in said county.

Supervisors to return list of gates.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the supervisor of the public roads, at the time they render their accounts for settlement to the levy court, to accompany the same with a list, under oath, of the number of gates which are on the road of which he is supervisor, and designate to whom they belong; and when a list of gates has been so rendered by the supervisor, the person or persons to whom they belong, shall stand charged annually on the books of the collector, therewith, until the said owner or owners of such gate or gates, shall satisfy the levy court of their abatement and removal.

Owners to stand charged.

Levy of gate tax.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the levy court of said county shall, when making out the list of taxes, enter to each owner or owners of a gate or gates on the public roads in said county, the amount of their gate tax, in addition to their regular county tax, to be collected by the collector of the county tax, as their taxes are collected.

Payment over and application.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That all moneys collected by the collector of said county, under the provisions of this act, shall be paid over to, and applied by the levy court of said county to the general expenses of said county.

Tenant may pay the gate tax.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases where tenants shall reside on lands through which public roads may pass, on which any gate or gates are now kept, it shall and may be