

CHAP. 45. which increase they shall be regulated by the net profits of the preceding year.

Tolls may be reduced by legislature.

16. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case the said tolls, as hereby first established, shall, in any one year from and after the term of three years after the completion of the said road, exceed in net profits the sum of fifteen *per centum per annum*, then the legislature may, at any subsequent session, and from time to time, reduce the said tolls, provided that when thus reduced they shall not yield in net profits a less sum than fifteen *per centum per annum*, and in making such reduction they shall be governed by the average of the clear income and profits arising from the tolls of the three years next preceding such reduction.

CHAP. XLVI.

Passed Dec. 31.

An Act. entitled, An act to enable John Sprigg Belt, James Walker and Archibald Dorsey, to complete the Collection of the County Tax in certain districts in Anne-Arundel County. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 60.

CHAP. XLVII.

Passed Dec. 31.

An Act incorporating a Society for the maintenance and education of Poor Female Children, by the name of The Female Humane Association Charity School. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 61.

This act repealed by 1807, ch. 145, sec. 7, with a proviso confirming all acts done.

CHAP. XLVIII.

Passed Dec. 31.

An Act authorising the laying out a certain Road in Frederick County, Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 64.

A Supplement, 1802, ch. 53.

Preamble

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Andrew Shriver, of Frederick county, that he and a number of other inhabitants of said county labour under many inconveniencies for want of a road to connect the road leading from Petersburg, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, with the road leading from Hanover, in the said commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the town of Westminster aforesaid, and that the opening said road would be of great public utility; therefore,

Commissioners appointed to open road.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Joshua Cockey, John Miller and Nicholas Dill, he and they are hereby authorised to open and clear a road, thirty-feet wide, from the aforesaid road leading from Petersburg, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the town of Westminster, in the county of Frederick aforesaid, beginning at or near where said road crosses a branch of Big Pipe creek, and near the upper end of Peter Erb's meadow, and running in a direct line to intersect the aforesaid road leading from Hanover, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the town of Westminster aforesaid, at the first angle on said road on the north side of Big Pipe creek; and the said road, so opened and cleared, after the valuation herein after directed to be made, or the damages hereinafter directed to be assessed, shall be paid or secured to the individuals concerned, shall be recorded among the records of Frederick county, shall for ever thereafter be deemed a