

existing laws of this state, are not vested with sufficient powers to levy in any one year a sum of money sufficient to build a substantial and permanent bridge at said place; therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy courts of Kent county and of Queen-Anne's county are hereby authorised and empowered to assess and levy a sum, not exceeding five hundred dollars, on the assessable property in their respective counties, at the time of laying their next county rates, together with the commission for collecting the same, which said assessment shall be made, levied, collected and paid, to the commissioners appointed by this act, or to their order, as soon as the same shall become payable by law, and in case the collector shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, the said commissioners shall have the same remedy for recovering the same as is prescribed by the act, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of monies levied or received by sheriffs and collectors, passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven *, provided, that before the said commissioners shall be entitled to receive any money levied in virtue of this act, they shall enter into bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of two thousand dollars in the respective counties of Kent and Queen-Anne's, for the faithful discharge of their duties as commissioners for building the said bridge, which said bonds may be sued as any public bonds now are, and a certified copy of said bonds, under the seal of either of the county clerks aforesaid, shall be evidence in any court of law or equity in this state.

Levy authorised.

* Ch. 43.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for Kent county, Michael Megear, Lewis Blackiston and James Parker, and for Queen-Anne's county, Joseph Thompson, Samuel Groom Osborn and Thomas Harris, shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of building the said new bridge; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are authorised and empowered, as soon as it may be conveniently in their power, to cause the said bridge to be built over the said river, at or near to the place where it formerly stood, which said bridge shall be built of sound and good materials, and completed in the best and most substantial manner; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are, by virtue of this act, fully authorised and empowered to agree with a contractor or contractors for the whole, or they may purchase materials, and hire workmen and labourers, to complete the said bridge, as they in their discretion may think best, and in either case the said bridge shall be built and completed under the immediate direction and superintendence of the said commissioners, or a majority of them.

Commissioners appointed for building bridge.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the said commissioners shall die, or remove out of the county of which he is a commissioner, before the completion of the said bridge, or shall refuse to act, the commissioners may appoint some other person to act in his place, and the person so appointed shall have the same powers and authorities vested in the said commissioners by this act.

How vacancies are to be filled.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or some one or two of them, shall render to the justices of the levy courts of the said counties respectively, at their levy courts next after the expenditure of the said monies, a true, full and fair account, of all the money by them laid out and expended by virtue of this act in

Account of money expended to be rendered to levy court.