

## CHAP. 80.

or owners thereof, nor shall the said road be laid out or opened through any field in which grain, hemp, flax, tobacco, or other cultivated vegetables, shall be growing, until after the season for collecting and securing the crop.

Road when laid out, to be deemed public.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said road, when laid out, opened and returned to the clerk of Frederick county court as aforesaid, shall not be deemed to be a public road, to be kept in repair at the expense of the county, unless the said road shall have been opened, cleared, improved, and made a good and sufficient road, of a proper width, and so certified to be by the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them.

## CHAP. LXXXI.

Passed Jan 26 1808 *An Act to build a Bridge and open a Road in Caroline County.* Lib. TH No. 1, fol. 397.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, that they labour under many inconveniencies for want of a bridge over a branch of the North-West Fork River, at a place known by the name of The Old Bloomery, in said county, and a road to lead from Douglass's mill across said bridge, until it intersects the main road leading from the North-West Fork Bridge to Marshahope Bridge; and the prayer of the said petitioners appearing reasonable, therefore,

Commissioners appointed for building bridge.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That George Collins, Charles Ross and James Houston, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of building and completing a new bridge, at the same place where the old bridge now stands, over said branch, and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby empowered to agree and contract with any person or persons, upon the best and cheapest terms they can, to finish and complete the said bridge in a good, substantial and workman-like manner.

Levy authorised.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court of Caroline county be and they are hereby authorised and directed, at their next annual session, to assess and levy on the assessable property in said county, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars current money, together with the usual commissions for the collection thereof, which said sum of money shall be collected in the same manner that other county charges are, and when collected as aforesaid shall be paid to the said commissioners, or a majority of them, or to their order, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of building the said bridge.

Road to be laid out and opened.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and empowered to lay out, open and clear, a road, at the expense of the petitioners, or any part of them particularly interested therein, or any other persons who may voluntarily offer their assistance, not exceeding twenty-four feet in width, to commence at or near Douglass's mill aforesaid, and to run from thence in the most convenient direction over the Old Bloomery aforesaid, and through James Houston's lane, or by James Wright's mill, as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, may think most expedient, until it intersects the main road leading from the North-West Fork Bridge to Marshahope Bridge; Provided, that the said road shall not go through the gar-

Byviso.