

CHAP. 57. poration, and sealed with their corporate seal; and all deeds by them for the conveyance of any lands and tenements of the corporation, which by the law of the land ought to be acknowledged and recorded, shall be signed and sealed as aforesaid, and shall also be acknowledged in due form by the president, as such, in behalf of the corporation; and all acts or deeds of the said body corporate, so authenticated, shall be valid and effectual in law.

## CHAP. LVIII.

Passed Dec. 19.

*An Act for the improvement of the public Roads in Kent County.*  
Lib. JG. No. 3, fol. 438.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the present law relating to the public roads in Kent county has been found to bear very unequally on the citizens thereof, and inadequate to the purposes for which it was intended; therefore,

Levy authorised for repairing roads.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court for Kent county, or a majority of them, at their annual meeting at the time for holding their levy court at the court-house in Chester-town, shall levy by equal assessment on the assessable property within the said county, a sum of money not exceeding forty cents on every hundred pounds of assessable property, to be collected as other county taxes, and paid to the justices of the levy court, or to their order, and shall be applied towards straightening, amending and keeping in repair, the public roads in the said county; and the said justices, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority, to appropriate the funds arising from the said tax to the public roads in the said county, and shall apportion the same in just proportions among all the public roads in the said county, regarding the situation and quantity of labour necessary for the improvement of such roads.

Levy court to describe and record roads—Supervisors to be appointed.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court for the county aforesaid, or a majority of them, when so met together as aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby authorised and required to describe, ascertain, and distinctly record in a well bound book to be provided by them for that purpose, the several and respective public roads in the said county, and to nominate and appoint, by warrant under the hand of the clerk and seal of his office, capable and proper persons as supervisors of the several and respective roads aforesaid, according to the number and divisions of the said roads, as the same shall be ascertained upon their records; and that the said justices, or a majority of them, may adjourn from day to day until the said roads shall be duly ascertained, and supervisors appointed as aforesaid; and every supervisor so appointed shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with such security as shall be approved of by the said justices, in such sum or penalty as the said justices shall require, for the performance of his duty.

Vacancies, how to be filled.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any supervisor, to be appointed in virtue of this act, shall refuse to act, or remove out of the district, become disqualified, or die, it shall and may be lawful for any two of the neighbouring justices of the peace to supply every vacancy so happening, by the appointment of another person, who shall give bond as aforesaid, with such security, and in such penalty, as shall be approved of by the aforesaid justices of the peace, and they shall certify every such appointment, under their