

act, and which are subject to the superintendence of the said commissioners of review. C H A P. XXXII.

XIII. **And**, whereas many inconveniences have been experienced, and much unnecessary expence unavoidably incurred, in the execution of the act, entitled, An act for laying out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county: And whereas the act aforesaid doth not provide any responsibility or security for the funds arising from the tax levied by the authority thereof, **Be it enacted**, That it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners of review, or a majority of them, and they are hereby required and empowered, to appoint one or more supervisor or supervisors in the said county, in the manner herein before provided for other counties, and with similar obligations and compensations, and to continue such appointments from time to time, as often as occasions may require, until all the roads under the superintendence of the said commissioners of review shall be completed according to law; and further, that the said commissioners of review shall have power to appropriate the funds arising from the tax imposed by the said act to the several roads under their direction, and to anticipate the collection of the said tax, by permitting, if expedient, the supervisor or supervisors to accept of labour in lieu thereof, and granting certificates to those by whom such labour may be rendered, to be discounted with the collector of the county in discharge of monies due for that particular tax; and further, that the said supervisor or supervisors, with the approbation of the commissioners of review, or a majority of them, may contract with any person or persons for the erecting of any bridge, or making of any causeway, or for clearing and completing any part or parts of the roads under the superintendence of the said commissioners of review.

Commissioners may appoint supervisors, &c.

XIV. **And**, as a consideration to induce persons to undertake the execution of any such work, **Be it further enacted**, That the commissioners of review aforesaid, or a majority of them, may let and farm the revenue arising under the authority of the aforementioned act, to any such person or persons, for any term not exceeding twenty years, which to the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall appear reasonable and just, to compensate such person or persons for their expence and trouble in executing the same, any thing in the aforementioned act notwithstanding.

And farm the revenue, &c.

XV. **And be it enacted**, That so much of the act, entitled, An act for laying out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, as respects the duty of the commissioners appointed for laying out the roads therein mentioned, after making their returns of the plots thereof, shall be and is hereby repealed.

Part of an act repealed.

C H A P. XXXIII.

An ACT for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state. Passed December 21.

WHEREAS it has been found by experience, that the present system for the administration of justice in the counties of this state, is attended with great inconvenience, delay and expence, to suitors, witnesses and jurymen, and an uniformity of legal decisions ought to be obtained as far as the circumstances of the state will permit,

Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland**, That this state shall be divided into five districts, to be numbered and distinguished as follows; that is to say, Saint-Mary's, Calvert, Prince-George's, and Charles counties, shall be the first district; Cæcil, Kent, Queen-Anne's, and Talbot counties, shall be the second district; Anne-Arundel, Baltimore, and Harford counties, shall be the third district; Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, and Worcester counties, shall be the fourth district; and Washington, Frederick, Montgomery, and Allegany counties, shall be the fifth district.

State divided into districts, &c.

III. **And be it enacted**, That two county courts shall be held in each county within the said districts in every year, and shall commence and be held as follows:

When courts are to be held.

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