

sustained thereby shall be adjusted and paid as in other cases, and the road may be made accordingly. C H A P. LIII.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That if any person or persons shall presume to alter or change, or in any manner obstruct or encroach on, any of the said roads, or on any part or parts thereof, or to cut down or destroy, deface or injure, any of the bridges, causeways, boundaries, marks, directions, or other establishment thereon, such person or persons, being thereof convicted in the general or any county court, shall be fined, at the discretion of the court, not exceeding ten pounds, according to the nature and degree of the offence; and all fines imposed in such cases shall be appropriated to the purpose of repairing such damages, and improving the road, and shall be paid to, and accounted for by, the supervisors of the county wherein such damages shall be sustained. Penalty for altering or changing any road, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That it shall and may be lawful for the supervisors aforesaid, and persons to be employed by them, to take and carry away any stones, gravel, or earth of a firm quality, that may be found on any land adjoining the roads for which the same may be wanted, without leave of the owner, or making him any compensation therefor; provided, that no stone, gravel, sand or earth, quarried or collected by the owner for his own use or for sale, shall be so taken or applied. Stones, &c. may be taken. &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them in each county, shall have power to appropriate the funds arising under this act to the several roads under their direction, and to anticipate the collection of 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 his county in discharge of monies due for that particular tax. Commissioners may appropriate funds, &c.

XI. **And,** in order to facilitate the operation of this law, **Be it enacted,** That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, in their respective counties, may and they are hereby empowered to contract with any person or persons for the erecting of any bridge, or making of any causeway, or for clearing and completing the whole or any part or parts of the said roads in each county under their superintendance, and, in case they make any such contract, that the same be reduced to writing, and the party so contracting shall give bond, with good and sufficient security, for the faithful execution of the same. And contract for erecting bridges, &c.

XII. **And be it enacted,** That the monies to be levied in virtue of the act, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the several public roads in several counties of this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety, shall, upon a due estimate thereof, be apportioned, in equitable proportions, by the county court of Montgomery county, to the roads laid out by this act and the act aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the commissioners of roads in said county mentioned by this act, to apply the same accordingly, and to render separate and distinct accounts, upon oath, of the expences of each and every road, as vouchers to their respective accounts current with the said county. Monies to be apportioned, &c.

C H A P. LIV.

An ACT for the relief of Elizabeth Dorsey, executrix of Thomas Dorsey, late of Anne-Arundel county. Passed December 27.

WHEREAS the general assembly, at their last session, did, by their resolution, authorise and direct the treasurer of the western shore to cancel all bonds then in the treasury (whereon any balance was due) given by the aforesaid Thomas Dorsey, and other persons in the said resolution mentioned: And whereas it was the intention of the general assembly, by the said resolution, to benefit the said Elizabeth Dorsey and her children, and not the creditors of the said Thomas Dorsey, or any other persons whatsoever: And whereas the same is not sufficiently expressive of the sense and intention of the legislature,