

C H A P.
LXV.
Proviso.

III. **Provided**, That nothing in this act contained shall authorise the said courts, or any of them, to contract for keeping a ferry at the county expence at any place where such ferry has not been heretofore so kept and supported.

Duration.

IV. This act to continue as long as the original act to which it is an additional supplement.

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Passed De-
cember 27.

An ACT to empower the justices of Cæcil county to streighten and amend the public roads in said county, and to levy the expences attending the same on the assessable property of said county.

Justices to
meet, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the peace of Cæcil county, or any five of them, shall and they are hereby empowered to meet on the first Monday in March next at the court-house, and in each year afterward during the continuance of this act, at the usual time and place of holding the levy courts, and appoint commissioners to inspect the public roads in said county.

And levy mo-
ney, &c.

II. **And be it enacted**, That the justices of the county aforesaid shall levy, by equal assessment, a sum not exceeding two shillings and six-pence current money for the first year, and a sum not exceeding one shilling and six-pence for the second year, and a sum not exceeding one shilling and six-pence for the third year, after the passing of this act, for every hundred pounds, on all assessable property in said county, to be collected in the same manner, at the same times, and by the same persons, as other taxes are collected, and shall be paid into the hands of the commissioners of said roads, or their order.

Commission-
ers to lay out
roads within
four months,
&c.

III. **And be it enacted**, That the commissioners aforesaid for each of the aforesaid roads, or a majority of them, shall, within four months after the first day of March next, lay out, survey, mark and bound, the roads for which they are respectively appointed, of reasonable width, and in as streight and direct a manner as the nature of the ground and other circumstances will admit of, and shall, without delay, sign and seal plain plots of the same, with explanations thereof; and such plots and explanations shall be returned to the next county court, to be lodged in the clerk's office and recorded among the records of said county, and shall be thereafter deemed and taken to be the public road for ever, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads are directed to be kept in said county by this act.

How vacan-
cies are to be
filled, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted**, That in case of death, resignation, disqualification, or refusal to act, of any of the commissioners aforesaid, any three justices of said county, where such vacancy shall happen, shall have power, and they are hereby directed, to fill up such vacancy or vacancies; and such justices shall meet at the court-house within fifteen days after such vacancy or vacancies shall happen, and fill up said vacancy, and such re-appointment shall and may be as often as occasion shall require, until the road shall be surveyed, plotted, returned, and recorded as aforesaid; and after the return of the said roads aforesaid shall be made and approved according to this act, the justices of said county shall order to be paid to the commissioners aforesaid, out of the monies to be levied as aforesaid, a reasonable compensation as to them shall seem meet.

Courts to a-
gree for da-
mages, &c.

V. **And**, whereas the laying out of said roads may cause damage to the proprietors of lands through which the same may pass, and it is reasonable and just that compensation should be made to those who require the same; **Be it enacted**, That in every case where the same may be required of the levy court, that they shall agree with the party aggrieved for the amount of the damages, provided they do not exceed the sum of three pounds per acre, but if such agreement should not take place, then the court, to whom such application may be made, shall issue their warrant to the sheriff of said county, commanding him