

## LAWS OF MARYLAND.

Bills to be  
passed upon  
by Commis-  
sion.

197. All bills or claims on account of the roads and bridges of the county after having received the endorsement of the Roads Engineer as hereinbefore provided, shall be passed upon by the Commission at a regular or adjourned meeting, and no such claim involving the expenditure of more than one hundred dollars, and no contract or agreement involving a larger expenditure from the roads moneys of the county, and no appropriation of money from the general road and bridge fund for any purpose, shall be allowed or made except by a majority vote of all the members of the Commission; all claims allowed and passed as above provided shall be marked "Approved" by the president and secretary of the Commission, and when so approved an order for the amount of the same shall be drawn on the County Treasurer, who shall pay said amount out of the road funds placed to the credit of the Highways Commission as provided in the next preceding section of this Act, and charge the said amount to the account of the Commission. Said Commission shall not expend or contract to expend in any one year more money than shall have been provided by levy or otherwise for road and bridge expenses during such year, and shall incur no debts not payable out of the funds derived from such levy or other sources; and said Commission shall not order to be paid from any district road fund or from the general road and bridge fund of the county, any sum in excess of any of said funds; and to this end the secretary of said Commission shall compile and place before the Commission at each regular meeting a detailed statement of the amounts expended from each fund since the beginning of the fiscal year, which, for the purposes of this Act, shall be January first of each year, and the amount to the credit of the general and each of the district road funds on the basis of the entire levy for such purposes for such year, and in addition thereto shall append a statement to be furnished by the County Treasurer for that purpose, and the amount then actually in the hands of the County Treasurer to the credit of the Commission for road purposes at the date of such statement.

Restricting  
expenditures.

For road pur-  
poses.

Petition of  
property own-  
ers.

198. Whenever the owners of property binding upon any public road or street may desire to have the same improved to an extent beyond that contemplated by the Highways Commission, then if the owners of two-thirds of the lineal feet of property binding on such road or street shall petition the Commission for such improvement and deposit with the Commission a sufficient sum of money, the same to be determined by the Commission, to cover the cost of necessary surveys and other necessary expenses of preliminary examination, it shall