

and award be deemed to have taken into consideration the damage to abutting property which may arise from all proper and necessary drainage of said road at the time of its construction or any time thereafter; provided that no provision as aforesaid shall be made for draining surface water from said roads over or across the property of any person who has not had notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard and appeal as hereinbefore provided, and in all cases where roads are hereafter dedicated to the use of the public by private grant, such grants shall be taken to carry with them the right at all times to properly drain such highways without liability to abutting owners for injuries occasioned in consequence thereof. The Highways Commission shall also have the power at any time, of its own volition and without a petition being filed as hereinbefore provided, to open, alter, relocate or close any county road upon giving notice by publication of its intention so to do as hereinbefore provided in the case of petitions, and thereafter taking the same proceedings herein provided for other cases with like restrictions as to notice and provisions for the appointment of examiners, the taking of appeals, etc.

Draining surface water.

Power to open or close any county road.

Building and repair of bridges.

203. The building and repair of all bridges in Baltimore County shall be under the control of the Highways Commission of Baltimore County, and the sole power to agree and contract with the proper authorities of contiguous counties as to construction and maintenance of bridges over dividing streams, and with railroads or other corporations as to the construction and maintenance of bridges at highway crossings is hereby vested in such Commission. Whenever said Commission shall be of opinion that the public convenience requires the erection of a new bridge, or that an old bridge is in need of extensive or an unknown amount of repairs, it shall require the Roads Engineer to make plans, drawings, specifications and estimate of the probable cost of the same if it be a new bridge, and require said Engineer to make examination of and specific report of needed repairs with an estimate of the cost thereof, if the bridge be an old one, and upon such report the Commission shall take such action as it may believe the public convenience or the safety of travelers may require.

Safety of travelers.

Crossings at grade.

204. Whenever any public road of said county crosses at grade the line of any railroad worked by steam or other power, or any other road, public or private, the Highways Commission shall have power to determine whether public safety or convenience requires that such public road shall be carried across such railroad or public or private road at the place in question by another grade or over or undergrade crossing,