

participate, either directly or indirectly, in any of the benefits, profits or emoluments of any such agreement or contract.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 18. 1912, sec. 17. 1904, sec. 17. 1888, sec. 17. 1870, ch. 333.

19. It shall not be lawful for any county commissioner, during his term of office, to accept, hold, purchase or acquire any claim on or against the county of which he is a commissioner, or any share or interest in such claim, which said claim has been or is to be passed upon and approved by the board of county commissioners of which he is a member.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 19. 1912, sec. 18. 1904, sec. 18. 1888, sec. 18. 1870, ch. 333.

20. If any county commissioner shall violate any of the provisions of the two preceding sections, he shall be liable to indictment, and, upon conviction, shall forfeit his office, and shall also forfeit his share in the agreement, contract or claim, as aforesaid, as the case may be.

Bonds of County Officials.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 20. 1912, sec. 19. 1906, ch. 413.

21. When any county treasurer, tax collector, county commissioner or any officer coming within the common meaning of a county official, in giving the bond required of him by law, shall furnish a bond executed by a surety company, authorized by the laws of the State of Maryland to execute such bonds, and such bonds shall be approved, then in each and every such case the county may pay the premium for such bond, not in any instance to exceed one-half of one per cent. per annum of the penalty of the bond so executed and approved; upon the execution and approval of any such bond the county commissioners may direct the payment of such premium on such bond from the general fund of the county in the same manner as is prescribed for the payment of general county debts; provided, however, that when any such bond is given by a clerk of court, register of wills, state's attorney or sheriff, the payment of the premium on said bond shall be charged as an expense of any such officer.

Sheriff, being state officer, County Commissioners not liable for premium on his bond. *Talbot Co. v. Carroll*, 172 Md. 386.

Bridges.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 21. 1912, sec. 20. 1904, sec. 19. 1888, sec. 19. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 2. 1906, ch. 249.

22. All applications for building and repairing bridges shall be made by petition to the county commissioners.

Mandamus will not lie to compel county commissioners to repair a bridge, since this section gives a right of petition, and from the action of the commissioners thereon, an appeal may be taken to the circuit court—see sec. 35. *Bembe v. Anne Arundel County*, 94 Md. 330; *Anne Arundel County v. Baltimore Sugar, etc., Co.*, 99 Md. 488.

This section was repealed as to Prince George's County by the act of 1900, ch. 346. *Blundon v. Crosier*, 93 Md. 359. (See also act 1910, ch. 90.)

For a discussion of secs. 22 to 37, see *Bembe v. Anne Arundel County*, 94 Md. 331.

Cited in connection with the local act of 1865, ch. 14, the latter being held unconstitutional. *Somerset County v. Pocomoke Bridge Co.*, 109 Md. 5.

Cited but not construed in *Miles v. Stevenson*, 80 Md. 367.

As to bridge companies, see art. 23, sec. 152, *et seq.*

As to bridges, including those over Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay, and Bear Creek, see art. 89B, sec. 50, *et seq.*