

This act further enacts that the present supervisors of roads in Charles county shall continue in the performance of their duties, and be responsible therefor until superseded under the provisions of this act.

That on the first Saturday of June next, at an election to be held at the same places where elections are now held by law in Charles county, of which notice shall be given by the sheriff of said county for the time and in the manner provided by law for such notices, and which shall be held, conducted and returned by the judges of elections of said county as other elections are required to be done, the duly registered voters of said county shall vote on the question of the adoption of this act by expressing in writing, or in printed form, the words "For the Road Law," or "Against the Road Law," as the case may be, and no blank ballots shall be counted, but shall be returned separately, and the returns of said election shall be certified and sent to the county commissioners for Charles county, and thereupon it shall be the duty of said county commissioners, at a meeting to be called for that purpose, to cast up the ballots cast at said elections, and if it shall appear to them that more ballots have been cast for said road law than against said road law, the said county commissioners shall issue their proclamation declaring this act to be adopted by the people of Charles county, and they shall proceed to carry out the provisions thereof as required therein, and the same shall take effect from the date of said proclamation.

That this act shall also apply to the county of St. Mary's in its provision; provided, the sense of the people of said county be taken on the question of its adoption at an election to be held in said county on the same day, and in the same mode in every respect as provided in the preceding section for Charles county, and if it shall appear to the county commissioners of St. Mary's county upon the returns thereof being made to them in like manner, that more ballots have been cast for than against the adoption of said act, they shall in like manner issue proclamation declaring the same and proceed to carry said act into effect.

Passed and approved March 30, 1868.

### RAIL ROADS.

By the act of 1868, c. 310 the governor is authorized and required to appoint five commissioners, three from St. Mary's county and one from Charles and one from Prince George's counties, who shall be authorized to employ an engineer to make a survey and to estimate the cost of constructing and equipping a rail road from some point in Prince George's county to Point Lookout, and the said commissioners are further directed to report to the general assembly as soon as practicable, the result of said survey and estimate, together with the reasons that exist for the construction of said road, and the advantages that will accrue to the state by the building of said road.

That the commissioners appointed under this act shall, before entering upon their duties, execute a joint bond, to be approved by the governor, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties and trusts prescribed in this act.

That the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for making the said survey, and the comptroller of the treasury is hereby authorized and required to draw his warrant on the treasurer, payable to such persons and for such amount as may be required by the governor; provided, that the said amount of ten thousand dollars, or so much of it as shall be used, be