

May purchase Stone Crushers. a larger proportion than one-fourth of such fund to grading or other pressing need; and the County Commissioners may, if it shall appear to be in the interest of economy, purchase one or more stone crushers out of the fund set apart as the general road and bridge fund, for the purpose of supplying stone for use on the roads, to be operated in such manner as they shall determine.

Improve Roads. **Con- ditions.** SEC. 196. *And be it enacted,* That whenever any person or persons shall desire to improve any road, to an extent beyond that contemplated by the County Commissioners and the supervisor of the district, where it is located, they may make application to the commissioners by petition, setting forth the location of the road to be improved, the extent and character of the improvement, and probable cost thereof, and if the County Commissioners, after considering the same and probable cost thereof, shall be satisfied that the public interest will be promoted thereby, they may direct the expenditure of an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars per mile; provided, the petitioner for such improvements shall first pay into the treasury of the county an amount not less than double that appropriated by the County Commissioners, and all such money shall be expended under the direction of the supervisor of the district where the improvements are to be made.

Roads for Public Uses **Provision** SEC. 197. *And be it enacted,* That whenever any owner of property in Baltimore County shall have opened, laid out or graded any avenue or road for the public convenience, and is willing to dedicate the same to public uses by good and sufficient deed duly recorded, the County Commissioners are authorized to accept the same, if in their opinion the same be necessary and convenient for public use; and upon such acceptance the said avenue or road so dedicated shall be kept in good order and repair by the road commissioners of the district in which it may be situated; provided, however, that previous to such acceptance said road shall not be less than thirty feet in width, and duly and properly graded in the judgment of the County Commissioners.

When Declared Public Highways **Provision.** SEC. 198. *And be it enacted,* That whenever any road shall have been in use for twenty years, though the same may not have been condemned or granted as a public highway, the County Commissioners, if they deem public necessity requires the adoption of the same as such, shall declare the said road to be a public highway with full power to re-locate and straighten the same in their discretion, and shall publish a notice to that effect once a week for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore County; provided, said road shall not be less than thirty feet in width;