

LAWS OF MARYLAND

CHAPTER 172.

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Passed March 6, 1826.

An act authorising and requiring the erection of indexes or finger boards in the several counties therein mentioned.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the levy courts of Frederick, Washington and Allegany counties, to direct the supervisors of the public roads to cause to be erected and kept up at the expense of the counties at all public cross roads, and where public roads fork; indexes or finger boards pointing to the nearest town, mill, or other public place where said roads lead, with the names of said places, and the distances thereto, legibly inscribed thereon.

Levy court directed to cause Indexes to be erected

2. *And be it enacted,* That if any person or persons shall wantonly injure, deface, or pull down, any such index or indexes, finger board or finger boards, such person or persons, so offending, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five dollars for every offence, to be recovered by warrant before a justice of the peace, in the same manner as other small debts are recoverable, one half to go to the informer, and the other half to the use of the counties.

Penalty for injuring

3. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid supervisors shall return to the levy courts of said counties a correct account, on oath, of the sums of money expended in the erection and keeping up such indexes; and it shall be the duty of the said levy courts, to levy such sum or sums of money on the assessable property of said counties, and collected as other county taxes are collected.

Account on oath—levy

CHAPTER 173.

An act to incorporate the Seamen's Union Bethel Society of Baltimore.

Pas'd March 6, 1826. Preamble.

WHEREAS, several individuals in the city of Baltimore, from an earnest desire to advance the temporal and eternal interest of seamen, have united themselves into a society, the object of which, as expressed in the second article of the constitution they have adopted, is to promote religious instruction among the seamen of the port of Baltimore, by having public worship celebrated each returning Lord's day, in some place adapted to their accommodation, either on shipboard or on shore; to arrange and conduct prayer meetings among seamen, and to distribute to them bibles, tracts and other religious works: And whereas the managers of the said society having it in contemplation to erect a seamen's church on Fell's Point, and conceiving that their views in that and other respects, would be essentially promoted could they obtain an act of incorporation, which they have respectfully solicited; and this General Assembly, deeming the object of the said society as meritorious, and calculated to effect the most beneficial results: Therefore,