

CHAP. 75.

first meeting of said corporation, by advertisement, printed in any newspaper published in the city of Baltimore, or otherwise, as they may see proper.

Term of office.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the present officers of the said association, shall continue to exercise their several offices, until an election of officers shall have taken place, agreeable to the provisions of said act, *Provided, nevertheless*, that the Legislature may alter or repeal this act, whenever it shall be deemed expedient.

CHAPTER 76.

Passed Feb'y 29,
1826.

A supplement to an act, entitled, an act for draining the right prong of a branch in Queen Ann's county, known by the name of the Andover Branch.

Authority to cut
and drain.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the directors named in the original act to which this is a supplement, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority at any time hereafter, to cut, open, and complete said ditch or drain mentioned in the original act, and also from time to time, repair, cleanse, and keep open and in good order the said ditch or drain so to be opened and cut by virtue of the original act, and this act, at the expense of the said proprietors, in the same proportion that the expenses of cutting and opening the said ditch or drain, are to be paid in the act to which this is a supplement, and for the purposes of cutting and opening the said ditch or drain in the first instance, and of repairing and cleansing when cut and opened, the said directors, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised to apportion what they may conceive the expense thereof will amount to, and to demand and receive such proportions respectively from the said proprietors, before or at any time after the commencement of said work: *Provided always*, that that inasmuch as it may be inconvenient for some of the proprietors through whose land said ditch or drain may pass, to satisfy and answer all the expenses of cutting and opening said ditch or drain at one time, the said directors or a majority of them, may make an estimate of the expenses of cutting the said ditch or drain through that part of the branch in which the said ditch or drain shall pass, and apportion the same as above directed, that the said directors shall allow such proprietor or proprietors to pay their respective portions of said expenses, cost and charges, in three equal payments, with interest from the time of ascertaining and apportioning thereof until paid, one third part with interest in two months, one third part with interest in four months, and the remaining one third with interest in six months, from the time of apportioning the same.

Assessment and
payment of expenses.

Proviso.

Force payment.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in case the said proprietor or proprietors, or others who shall be benefited by the said work, or any or either of them shall neglect or fail to make