

267. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* ^{Tax for roads.} That the County Commissioners of Dorchester county are hereby authorized, empowered and required to levy a tax upon the assessable property in said county, and collect it from the tax payers therein, an amount they may deem necessary, not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), which shall be applied, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for repairing and improving the public roads and bridges, and for opening new roads in the said county. The funds so acquired for appropriations by the County Commissioners, shall be proportionately expended in the several election districts of the county where exigencies most require to keep the roads in the best possible condition for public travel and use. The said County Commissioners shall have entire management of and control over all repairs and improvements to be made on the public roads and bridges thereon throughout the county, and may adopt any method which in their judgment will give the greatest benefits to the public for the money expended. They may contract to the lowest responsible bidder for any or all bridge materials and work, repairs of roads and building new roads; and such contractors, as well as any other persons who may be authorized to do this said work, shall be designated and known as road supervisors.

268. The County Commissioners are authorized to use any ^{May buy oyster shells.} part of the money so levied for roads to purchase oyster shells; and whenever the residents along any main public road may bind themselves to transport, haul and spread shells upon such road, the commissioners shall purchase and pay for such oyster shells, and the work embraced in this section, together with all other work done upon the county road, shall be under the direction and supervision of the said County Commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take ^{Effective.} effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 23d, 1896.

CHAPTER 86.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to levy a sum of money for building one school house for colored children in the first election district of said county, and another in the ninth election district of said county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of St. Mary's county