

CHAPTER 454.

AN ACT to add certain additional sections to Article twenty of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Somerset County," under the sub-title "Crimes and Punishments," so as to provide employment at hard labor for certain classes of prisoners who may be confined in the county jail, or other persons of Somerset County, under sentence imposed by the Circuit Court for Somerset County, or any of the Justices of the Peace for said County, having criminal jurisdiction.

New sections. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That certain additional sections, to be numbered 251, 252, 253 and 254, under sub-title "Crimes and Punishments," be and the same are hereby added to article twenty of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Somerset County," said sections to be and remain a part of the local law for Somerset county.

Sentence to hard labor. SEC. 251. *And be it enacted,* That in addition to any sentence of confinement in the county jail of Somerset county which may be imposed in cases of conviction for assault, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, disturbing the public peace, vagrancy or petit larceny, where the punishment prescribed by law shall not exceed one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary or house of correction, by the Circuit Court for Somerset county, or any justice of the peace for Somerset county having criminal jurisdiction, said court or justice may, in the discretion of said court or justice, also in said sentence direct that any prisoner over sixteen years of age who may be convicted of any of the offences enumerated as above, shall be subject to perform hard labor for and during the period of his imprisonment, on the public roads of Somerset county, or on the public streets of any incorporated town in said county; provided, that during the employment of such convict on the public streets of any incorporated town, the town authorities of such town so employing such convict shall be charged with the expense which may attend such employment.

Where labor to be performed. SEC. 252. *And be it enacted,* That the hard labor provided for in the preceding section shall be performed, if within the corporate limits of any incorporated town, under the supervision and direction of the town commissioners and bailiff of such town, and if on the public roads of Somerset county,