

examine and certify to the correctness of all bills and accounts for work and materials on or for any of the roads or bridges of Anne Arundel county before the same shall be paid by the County Commissioners, and no payment for such work or materials shall be made before the account therefor has been certified by the county road engineer. He shall not purchase or order any materials of any kind whatever without first making requisition therefor upon the County Commissioners and securing their written approval of such requisition, and the County Commissioners may either purchase such materials themselves or direct and authorize the county road engineer to do so. He shall make annually in writing a detailed report to the County Commissioners of all work done on the public roads and bridges for the year, together with the names of all persons employed by him or under his direction in performing such work, and the amounts certified to be due them, which report shall be presented to the said Commissioners on or before the fifteenth day of July for the year ending the thirtieth day of the preceding June. The county road engineer shall not be interested financially in any firm or corporation from which any material is purchased by the county for roads or bridges, nor shall he receive any commission or pecuniary profit whatever on said purchases.

196. The County Commissioners shall, subject to the approval of the county road engineer, appoint one assistant to the said engineer in each of the election districts of the county, except the sixth, and they may upon petition from six or more resident taxpayers in any district wherein such assistant has been appointed in accordance with the provisions of this section, appoint another assistant in such district. Under the control and direction of the county road engineer the assistant shall supervise the road work in their respective districts and perform such other duties as the county road engineer may prescribe. The County Commissioners may, in their discretion, and from the district road fund, provide each district with necessary teams and implements for working the roads; said teams and implements to be placed in charge of the assistant or assistants for the district in which they are located. The assistant shall keep the time of all employes in their respective districts, and a correct record of materials used, and make daily report thereof, and certify bills for the same to the county road engineer, to be by him approved before being presented to the County Commissioners for payment. For incompetency or wilful neglect of any duty imposed upon them by this Act, or by rules and regulations duly made by the county road engineer, and of whom they shall be given due notice, any assistant