

reason of its disrepair prior to its actual acceptance as a county road. And it is further provided that when a county road so opened, altered or relocated cannot be conveniently drained by ditches or drains alongside the same, the examiners so appointed as aforesaid, shall have the power to provide for such drains upon the property outside the limits thereof, and to provide for carrying off the surface water to the nearest or most convenient place of discharge, and shall in making their estimates of the cost of said road include reasonable compensation to the person whose property is so used, and award such compensation as a part of the damages, and assess the same as a part of the benefits arising from the construction of said road, and report their action in the premises to the Commission as a part of their return and award; and whether such be specifically returned or not, the examiners shall, in their return and award, be deemed to have taken into consideration the damage to abutting property which may arise from all proper and necessary drainage of said road at the time of its construction or any time thereafter; provided that no provision as aforesaid shall be made for draining surface water from said roads over or across the property of any person who has not had notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard and appeal as hereinbefore provided. And in all cases where roads are hereafter dedicated to the use of the public by private grant, such grants shall be taken to carry with them the right at all times to properly drain such highways without liability to abutting owners for injuries occasioned in consequence thereof. The Highways Commission shall also have the power at any time, of its own volition and without a petition being filed as hereinbefore provided, to open, alter, relocate or close any county road, upon giving notice by publication of its intention so to do as hereinbefore provided in case of petition, and thereafter taking the same proceedings herein provided for other cases, with like instructions as to notice and provisions for the appointment of examiners, the taking of appeals, etc.

355. The building and repair of all bridges in Baltimore county shall be under the control of the Highways Commission of Baltimore county, and the sole power to agree and contract with the proper authorities of contiguous counties as to the construction and maintenance of bridges over dividing streams, and with railroad or other corporations as to the construction and maintenance of bridges at highway crossings, is hereby vested in such Commission. Whenever said Commission shall be of opinion that the public convenience requires the erection of a new bridge, or that an old bridge is in need of extensive or an unknown amount of repairs, it shall require the Roads Engineer to make plans, drawings, specifications and estimate of the