

C H A P. LVII.

An ACT authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for building bridges over the Conococheague creek in Washington county.

Passed 7th of January, 1804.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for Nathaniel Rochester, Elie Williams, Samuel Ringgold, Jacob Schnebly, William Hyser, Martin Kershner and Jacob T. Towson, or a majority of them, to propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery for raising a sum of money, not exceeding five thousand dollars, exclusive of the expence of the said lottery, and to sell and dispose of the tickets thereof; provided the said Nathaniel Rochester, Elie Williams, Samuel Ringgold, William Hyser, Martin Kershner and Jacob T. Towson, or such majority of them as shall undertake to act under this law, shall, before the sale or disposal of any ticket or tickets in said lottery, give their bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, conditioned that they will well and truly apply so much of the money arising therefrom, within six months after the drawing of said lottery, as will satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn by them, and after deducting the necessary expences incurred in said lottery, shall, within two years from the time of drawing said lottery, apply the balance arising from said lottery, in equal proportions, in building two bridges over the Conococheague creek, to wit: One at William's Port, and one at Ritter's ford.

A scheme may be proposed, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if a majority of the said commissioners should be of opinion that a safe and permanent bridge cannot be erected where the road crosses the said creek at either of the places above mentioned, they shall have full power and authority to fix the scites for building either of the said bridges, either up or down the said creek, within two hundred perches from where the roads now cross the same at the places above mentioned, and they shall, immediately after the completion of either of the said bridges, lay out a road from each end of the bridge, so completed, to intersect the old road, as the case may be, in as streight a direction as the nature of the grounds, and the restrictions herein after mentioned, admit of, not exceeding sixty feet in width, and make return of plain plots and explanations of the same to the levy court of Washington county, who are hereby authorised to reject or confirm the same, and when confirmed, shall cause the same to be recorded among the land records of Washington county; which said road or roads shall be opened and improved, and shall be kept in repair, as all other public roads in said county are by law directed; provided that the said road or roads, so altered, shall not be made to run through any building, enclosed yard, garden or orchard, without the consent of the owner.

Commissioners to fix the scites, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a majority of the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to agree and contract with the person or persons over whose lands the said roads so altered shall pass for the amount of damages thereby sustained, and make return of such contract or contracts to the levy court of Washington county, which, when confirmed by them, shall be levied and paid as in like cases in said county.

Agree for damages, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall keep fair and plain accounts of all monies raised and expended in virtue of this act, and return the same to the said court within two years after the drawing of the said lottery; and in case any of the said commissioners should die, resign, or refuse to act on notice, the said court shall appoint another person, who shall be vested with all the powers, and subject to all the penalties, of the original commissioners, who, when so appointed, and before he proceeds to act, shall give bond as before directed by this act.

Keep fair accounts, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of said commissioners, before they act as such, to lodge such bond in the clerk's office of Washington county, there to be recorded, and upon such bond, or any office copy thereof, suit or suits may be instituted against the obligors therein, or any of them, or their legal representatives, for any breach or non-compliance with the condition of the same.

And lodge their bond, &c.

C H A P. LVIII.

A Supplement to an act to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the Roman catholic church in Frederick-town, in Frederick county.

Passed 7th of January, 1804.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that some of the commissioners appointed under the original act to which this is a supplement will not undertake to act; therefore,

Preamble.