

C H A P. CIII. V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said road, when so opened as aforesaid, shall be kept in repair as other public roads in said county.

Proceedings declared void, &c. VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all proceedings executed under the act, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to straighten and amend the roads therein mentioned, and for other purposes, so far as relates to opening the road through the petitioner's land, be and they are hereby declared null and void.

C H A P. CIV.

An ACT for the improvement of Elkton, in Cæcil county.

Passed 24th of Dec. 1808. Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the inhabitants of Elkton, in Cæcil county, that in consequence of the doubtful adjustment of the limits of said town they suffer many inconveniencies; therefore,

Town to be bounded, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That David Smith, Alexander Scott, Stephen Hollingsworth, James Sewall, Adam Whann, Robert Walmesly, William Hollingsworth, John Groome, John King, Thomas Howard and George Ricketts, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised to mete and bound the town of Elkton, in Cæcil county, a plot of which shall be made out and returned to the clerk of the county, and by him enrolled among the records of said county.

C H A P. CV.

An ACT for building a bridge over Tuckahoe creek where the old bridge now stands.

Passed 24th of Dec. 1808. Preamble.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of Talbot, Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that the bridge over Tuckahoe creek is in a ruinous and almost impassable condition, and have set forth by their petition, that the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars will be sufficient to defray the expense of erecting said bridge, and that the same may be levied on the said counties respectively for the purpose aforesaid; therefore,

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Bell, for Talbot county, William E. Meconekin, for Queen-Anne's county, and John Tillotson, for Caroline county, shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of building and completing the said new bridge; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, as soon as it may be conveniently in their power, to cause the said new bridge to be built over the said creek where the old one now stands, to be built and completed in the best and most substantial manner it can for the money hereby granted; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are by virtue of this act fully authorised and empowered, as they in their discretion shall think best, and to contract with any person or persons for the whole or in part, or they may purchase materials, and have workmen and labourers to complete the said work.

Courts to levy money, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy courts of Talbot, Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, shall and they are hereby authorised, directed and required, at the next levy court in their respective counties, to levy and assess the several sums of money herein after mentioned, in the following manner, to wit: The justices of the levy court for Talbot county shall assess and levy the sum of one hundred and thirty one dollars and twenty-five cents; the justices of the levy court of Queen-Anne's county shall assess and levy the sum of eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents, and the justices of the levy court of Caroline county shall assess and levy the sum of one hundred and thirty-one dollars and twenty-five cents, which said several sums of money, together with the collectors usual commissions for collecting respectively, shall be assessed, levied and collected, in the same manner as other county charges and public dues for the ensuing year shall be assessed, levied and collected, and the said several collectors, and their securities respectively, shall be answerable for, and pay the said several and respective sums of money to the commissioners aforesaid, or either of them, or their order, at any time after the said sums of money have or ought to be collected, and if any of the said collectors shall neglect or refuse to pay the respective assessments, the commissioners, or the major part of them, are hereby authorised and required to sue and recover the same from such collector, or their securities, or his or their executors or administrators respectively, in an action of trespass on the case, in which it shall be sufficient to declare for so much money had and received by the defendant for the use of the plaintiffs.

How vacancies are to be filled.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the said commissioners shall die, or remove out of the county of which he is a commissioner, before the completion of the said new bridge, or shall refuse