

Passed 25th of
January, 1806.

An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the levy court of Allegany county relative to roads in said county.

WHEREAS by an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, chapter fifty-two, power is given to the supervisors of public roads in Allegany county to summons and compel all able bodied male persons, above a certain age, to work annually four days on the public roads in said county; and the drawing them out the full four days as authorised appearing inconvenient and unnecessary, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Allegany county shall have power, and they are hereby directed, annually, at their August meeting, to fix and determine upon the number of days the respective supervisors by them appointed shall be authorised to summons or warn all the able bodied male persons in said county, above the age of sixteen, to assist in repairing the public roads therein; provided nevertheless, that the power hereby given to the levy court as aforesaid, shall not be considered as authorising the reduction of more than two days of labour in any one year, and that it shall and may be lawful for every person who shall be summoned or warned to work as aforesaid, and for every master or mistress of servants, in lieu of working on the public roads as aforesaid, to pay to the supervisor of their district the sum of thirty-seven and a half cents for each and every day any person shall be summoned or warned to work as aforesaid.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That so much of the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, chapter fifty-two, as is inconsistent herewith, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, be and they are hereby continued for and during the term of four years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

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An ACT for the benefit of Colmore Duvall, of Prince-George's county.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Colmore Duvall, that in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, he did contract with William Brogden, of Anne-Arundel county, and Thomas Lansdale, late of Prince-George's county, commissioners to contract for building a bridge over Patuxent river, at the town of Queen-Anne, and that he did, in pursuance of said contract, in the said year seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, finish the said bridge, and did give his bond to keep the same in repair for ten years from the date of said bond; that the said bridge was built in a superior manner, and would have lasted considerably longer than the time stipulated in said bond, had it not been wholly swept away on the seventeenth day of June, eighteen hundred and four, by a flood of water unparallelled in said river, which entirely covered the said bridge before it moved from its foundation; that shortly before the said bridge was destroyed he, the said Duvall, at considerable expence, repaired the same; that after the said bridge had been destroyed in manner aforesaid, the said Duvall, at the instance of many of the citizens of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties, did rebuild the said bridge, under a confidence that a reasonable compensation would be allowed him by the levy courts of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties: And whereas many of the citizens of said counties have signed the petition of the said Duvall, and recommended that a law may pass authorising and directing the levy courts of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties to levy such sums of money for the use of the said Duvall, as the said courts may think just and reasonable for defraying the expences of rebuilding the bridge aforesaid; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy courts of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties respectively, shall take into consideration the several sums of money heretofore received by the said Colmore Duvall for building a bridge, commonly called The Governor's Bridge, and the bridges aforesaid at Queen-Anne, and if in their judgment it shall appear that he hath not received a full and sufficient compensation for the same, they shall, and they are hereby authorised, at the time of laying their next county levies, to proceed to levy on the assessable property of each county a sum of money, not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, for the use of the said Colmore Duvall.