

persons in charge of vessels, navigating the Pocomoke river, and passing Stephen's ferry to give notice of their approach thereto, if ascending the river by blowing a horn at the steam mill below, and if descending at the steam mill above. CHAP. 157

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any damage shall be sustained by the said ferry by reason of a non-compliance with the requisition of the aforesaid section, the owner of the vessel doing the damage shall pay double the amount of the damage sustained—to be recovered in the name of the person employed to keep said ferry, before any justice of the peace of the county in which said owner resides—and shall be accounted for to the commissioners of Somerset and Worcester counties. To pay double the amount of damage sustained.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That after the first day of January next, the said ferry shall be kept open at all seasons of the year, from sunrise until nine o'clock P. M. for the accommodation of the public. After 1st day of January, ferry to be kept open.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That non-resident taxpayers of Somerset and Worcester counties, shall be entitled to pass said ferry free of charge, in the same manner as the citizens of said counties. Non residents to pass free of charge.

CHAPTER 157.

*An act in relation to the United States Road.*

Passed March 3, 1845.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, by the memorial of sundry citizens of Allegany county, that the late superintendent of the United States road, has grossly mismanaged the affairs of said road; AND WHEREAS both the accusers and the accused demand an investigation—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the commissioners of Allegany county, be and they are hereby directed to appoint three disinterested persons, to examine into the accounts and general management of the late superintendent of the United States road, with power to summon and examine witnesses, and that they make report to the said commissioners. Commissioners directed to appoint 3 disinterested persons, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That in case the charges are sustained the aforesaid commissioners of the county, are hereby directed to institute such legal or other proceedings, as the circumstances of the case and interest of the State may require. Institute legal proceedings.