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of them, be and the same 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, to contract with any person or persons for the whole or in part, or to purchase materials themselves and to employ workmen and labourers to complete the said work.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the commissioners so as aforesaid to be appointed, shall report that the said bridge will require to be re-built as aforesaid, that then the justices of the levy court of Queen Ann's, Talbot 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 hereinafter mentioned in the following manner, to wit: The justices of the levy court for Queen Ann's county shall assess and levy the sum of one hundred dollars; and the justices of the levy court of Talbot county shall assess and levy the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, and the justices of the levy court of Caroline county shall assess and levy the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; 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 present 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 so as aforesaid to be appointed, or either of them, or to their order, at any time after the said sums of money have been or ought to have been collected; and if any of said collectors shall neglect or refuse to pay the respective assessments, the commissioners or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and required to sue and recover the same from such collector or collectors, or his 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.

Vacancies.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the commissioners so as aforesaid to be appointed, 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 to act, the survivor or survivors shall appoint some other person in his or their stead; and the person or persons so appointed shall have the same power and authority as is vested in the commissioners to be appointed by this act.

Repairs.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the erecting and building the said bridge, it shall be kept up and repaired at the joint expense of the said three counties in the proportions before mentioned.

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6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners or some one or two of them, shall render to the justices of the levy court of the respective counties respectively, at their levy courts next after the expenditure of the said monies, a just, full and fair account of all money by them laid out and expended by virtue of this act.

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