

C H A P. LXIV. rity to grant deeds or patents, as the case may require, to the purchasers of the said property, or their heirs or assigns, upon their making it appear to him that they have complied with the terms of the said sales.

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Passed December 28.

## An ACT to repair the public roads in Queen-Anne's county.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the roads in Queen-Anne's county are in general much out of repair, and some of them almost impassable, and the road laws heretofore made being found, by experience, inadequate to the purpose of repairing them; therefore,

How roads are to be repaired, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That hereafter the public roads in said county shall be repaired by a tax on the property in said county, which shall be levied, collected and applied, in manner hereafter directed.

Justices to assess money, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of the peace of said county, shall, at their next levy court, and at their levy courts annually during the continuance of this act, assess and levy, on the assessable property in said county, a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence in every hundred pounds, which sum, so assessed and levied, shall be collected by the collector of the county in the same manner that other county charges are collected, with an allowance of six *per cent.* for collecting the same; and the said sum, so to be collected, shall be paid to the said justices, or their order, on or before the twentieth day of August annually; and in case of default in said collector in making payment as aforesaid, the said justices may commence suit in the general or county court on his collector's bonds, for the recovery thereof.

And appoint supervisors, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the said justices shall, at their said first meeting, and at their levy courts annually, appoint as many fit and proper persons as they may think necessary, who shall be called supervisors of the public roads; and the justices shall direct the clerk to issue warrants to them respectively, describing therein the part or portion of the public roads assigned to them to be repaired, which warrants shall be delivered by the said clerk to the sheriff of the county, within ten days after the appointments are made, under the penalty of five pounds; and the said sheriff shall, in ten days thereafter, deliver the said warrants to the several supervisors, under the like penalty.

Who may hire hands, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That the said supervisors shall have full power and authority to hire as many hands, horses, carts and waggons, as they may think necessary, upon as reasonable terms as they can be had, for the purpose of repairing the public roads assigned to them, and also to purchase timber for repairing bridges and causeways; and said supervisors shall account, upon oath, to the said justices annually, at their levy court, for the monies by them expended in repairing the roads assigned to them respectively; and to facilitate repairing the said roads, the supervisors may give receipts for the amount of the wages of the persons hired, which receipts shall be allowed in payment of the road tax, and be received by the collector as specie in discharge for the same; and every supervisor shall receive, as a compensation for his trouble, a sum not exceeding seven shillings and six-pence for every day he shall be employed in repairing the public roads under his care, to be ascertained and allowed by the said levy court, and paid out of the money levied and collected under this act.

How vacancies are to be filled, &c.

VI. *And be it enacted,* That upon the refusal, resignation, death, or removal out of the county, of any of the said supervisors, in the recess of the levy court, any three of the justices of the peace may appoint another in his place, to serve till the next levy court, and shall account for the monies expended by him in the same manner as other supervisors are directed to account; and the said justices shall apportion the money assessed and collected under this act among the several supervisors, so as to allow each a sufficient sum to repair the roads assigned to them,