

An ACT making a temporary alteration in the turnpike road directed to be laid out from Baltimore-town towards Frederick-town. Passed December 24.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that sometime in the month of May last the public bridge over the falls of Patapsco, on the old road leading from Baltimore-town to Frederick-town, by way of Ellicott's lower mills, being decayed, was broken down and destroyed; in consequence of which, waggons and other carriages, as well as travellers, at all times met with considerable difficulty and danger in crossing the falls, which, in times of freshes, were entirely impassable; that application was made to the commissioners of review of the turnpike roads in Baltimore county to build a bridge over the said falls where the turnpike road is laid out to cross Patapsco, a small distance below the place where the old bridge stood, which they declined, their funds being insufficient: And whereas it also appears, that Messieurs Ellicott, and company, undertook to erect, and have actually erected, a strong and substantial bridge over the said falls at the place where the old road crosses, and that the difference in distance is no more than twenty-two perches, and that the same was built at a much less expence than a bridge equally strong and substantial could be built for over the falls where the new road is intended to cross; Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners of review of the turnpike roads in Baltimore county, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorized and required, as soon as may be, to appoint two or more skilful and disinterested persons to make a valuation of the expence of building the said bridge, and to pay the amount thereof to the said Ellicott, and company, out of the funds appropriated to defray the expence of making turnpike roads in Baltimore county. Commissioners to appoint persons, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said bridge, and the old road from said bridge to the place where it intersects that part of the turnpike road already opened and made, shall, after the passing this act, be deemed and considered as a part of the said turnpike road leading from Baltimore-town towards Frederick-town, and that the old road from the west end of the said bridge to the place where it intersects the new road, as laid out from the west end of the said turnpike road towards Frederick-town, shall be deemed and considered as a part of the public main road leading from Baltimore-town to Frederick-town, until the turnpike road shall be opened and made, and the bridge built across the said falls by the said commissioners of review, as laid out and intended by certain commissioners, under the act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county. Bridge, &c. to be considered part of turnpike road, &c.

An ACT to confirm an act passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government which prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being members of the legislature, electors of the senate, or to hold offices of profit and trust. Passed December 24.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government which prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being members of the legislature, electors of the senate, or to hold offices of profit and trust, shall be and the same is hereby confirmed. An act confirmed.