

C H A P. XVII.
To be considered as a donation, &c.
Chapter 14.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the aforesaid sums so granted and to be paid, shall be considered as a donation from this state, and granted agreeably to an act passed at October session, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, * and not in bar or in lieu of any advantage or emolument which they, or either of them, may be entitled to receive from the United States; provided that nothing shall be claimed by the said officers under the said act of one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, except what is directed to be paid by this act.

C H A P. XVIII.

Passed 12th of March, 1786.

An ACT for extending the causeway through the marsh on the south side of Wiccomico river at the lower ferry, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 631.

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of Somerset county have, by their humble petition to this general assembly, prayed that the causeway on the south side of Wiccomico river, at the lower ferry, may be extended through the marsh till it comes opposite the wharf on the north side, and that a wharf may be made at the end of the said causeway, and also a bridge be built over a small gut over which the causeway must pass; and the prayer of the petition appearing reasonable,

Causeway to be extended, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the causeway on the south side of Wiccomico river, at the lower ferry, be extended through the marsh until it comes opposite the wharf on the north side of said river; and John Stewart, George Gale, George Scott, John Conway and Thomas Holbrook, or any three or more of them, are hereby appointed commissioners, who shall, on or before the first day of July next, contract and agree with some proper person or persons for the undertaking and completing the said causeway, and making and building a wharf and bridge, agreeable to the prayer of the above recited petition, and they are hereby directed to take a bond, with good security, in the penalty of three hundred pounds current money, payable to the justices of Somerset county court, conditioned for the well and sufficient making and completing the said causeway, wharf and bridge aforesaid.

Justices to levy money, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of Somerset county are hereby empowered and required, at their next levy court, to levy on the assessable property of the inhabitants of said county a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds current money, which sum, so assessed, shall be collected by the collector of Somerset county aforesaid, as other county levies are collected, who for his trouble shall have the same commission as on the collection of other public dues; and the said collector is hereby required and directed to pay the same to the commissioners aforesaid, who are hereby authorized and required to apply the same to the making the causeway, wharf and bridge aforesaid, which said wharf, bridge and causeway, when completed, shall be deemed a public highway, and kept in order at the county expence as other highways.

Sand, &c. may be used, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the person or persons undertaking the said causeway, wharf and bridge, are hereby authorized and empowered to take and use any the most convenient sand or marsh for the making and completing the said causeway, wharf and bridge.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT to establish a road in Somerset county, to lead from the Bear Swamp road till it intersects the road from King's branch to Princess-Anne. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 633.

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, by their humble petition to this general assembly have set forth, that many of the inhabitants of said county labour under great inconvenience and disadvantage for want of a convenient road to Princess-Anne, and praying that a law may pass empowering the justices of said county court to lay out a new road from the Bear Swamp road, leading from Stevens's ferry to the head of Back creek, may be opened; and it appearing reasonable to this general assembly that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted,

Commissioners to be appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Somerset county court be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint three commissioners for the purpose of laying out a new road, beginning at the Bear Swamp road, thence running as near as may be with the divisional lines between Samuel Smith and William Miles, thence with the lines between William Mitchell and Nehemiah King, thence with the lines between David Wilson and Jesse King, till