II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the several and respective justices of the peace who now compose, or shall hereafter compose, the levy courts in the counties of Dorchester, Calvert, Washington, Frederick, Caroline and Montgomery, instead of meeting as heretofore required by law, are hereby authorised and required to meet, at the usual places for holding the county courts in the several counties aforesaid, as follows, viz. In Dorchester, Calvert and Frederick counties, on the third Monday in May, in Washington on the first Monday in May, in Montgomery on the first Monday in June, and in Caroline on the fourth Monday in April, in every year hereafter, any law to the contrary hereof notwithstanding. When levy courts are to meet.

See ch. 53, as to the time of holding the levy courts.

III. AND, whereas doubts may have arisen, or may hereafter arise, under an act passed in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-three, * entitled, An act to alter the time of holding the levy courts in the several counties therein mentioned, and under this act, with respect to the power of adjournment by the several levy courts; therefore, to remove the same, BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy courts in the several counties of this state shall have full power to adjourn their respective courts from time to time, for the purpose of laying the levy, as they may think necessary. * Chapter 46. Justices may adjourn, &c.

CHAP. XI.

An ACT to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 165. Repealed by 1795, ch. 67. Passed 26th of Dec. 1794.

CHAP. XII.

An ACT to extend the public road leading from Herring creek, in Worcester county, to the north end of Synepuxent. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 165.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Isaac Purnell and John Fassitt, of Worcester county, that they sustain very great inconveniencies for want of the extension of the public road that leads to the bridge that is built on a branch of Herring creek until it intersects the public road that leads to the north end of Synepuxent; therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of Worcester county court shall be and they are hereby invested with full power and authority to grant or reject any petition for the extension of the said road, preferred by any person or persons whatsoever. Justices may grant petitions, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, In case the said justices shall think proper to grant the prayer of any petitioner or petitioners for the extension of the said road, that then and in such case the said justices shall order a commission to issue to five discreet persons, not interested in any lands which may be affected by the extension of the said road, nor related to any proprietor of such lands, or the petitioner or petitioners for said road, empowering them, or any three of them, to survey, lay out and open, at the expence of such petitioner or petitioners, a road not exceeding thirty-three feet wide, in such direction as the situation of the ground will admit, and best answer the purposes of this act, from the bridge erected on a branch of Herring creek until it intersects the public road that leads to the north end of Synepuxent; and the said road, when so surveyed, laid out and opened, and the valuation herein after directed to be made shall have taken place, shall be recorded in Worcester county court, and when finished and received by the court, shall be deemed and taken to be a public road for ever thereafter, and kept up, amended and repaired, as all other public roads in the said county. And order a commission, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose lands the said road shall pass, and the same, when so assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the said petitioner or petitioners, before the said commissioners shall proceed to open the said road; provided always, that if any person or persons, through whose lands the said road shall pass, or his, her or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive themselves aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages by the said commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace, upon the application of the person or persons aggrieved, to issue his warrant to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon twelve freeholders of the county, not interested in the premises, and qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to appear, on a day by the said justice to be appointed, on the premises; and the said sheriff is hereby authorised to administer an oath to every person so summoned, that he will, without favour, affection, Damages to be ascertained, &c.