

C H A P.
L.
And receive
sums unex-
pended, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners hereby appointed, or a majority of them, are authorised and empowered to receive such sum or sums of money which remain unexpended as the commissioners in the said act mentioned did allow to the said William Benson, by virtue of an act in favour of him, the said William Benson, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, or such part of the said money as remains in the hands of the commissioners, or any of them, named in said act, or that may be in the hands of the collector who collected the same, and when received to pay the same to the said William Benson, or his security, after the said court-house is finished and completed in the same manner contracted for by the said William Benson with the commissioners named in said act.

C H A P. LI.

Passed 26th of
Dec. 1794.

A Further supplement to an act (a) for the valuation of the real and personal property within this state. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 221. Repealed by 1797, ch. 89.

(a) November, 1792, ch. 71.

C H A P. LII.

An ACT relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 222.

Supplementary and other acts 1795, ch. 43, 1796, ch. 59, ch. 60, 1797, ch. 84, ch. 109, ch. 112, 1798, ch. 38, 1799, ch. 70, ch. 81.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the present modes of repairing public roads, under the existing laws of this state, are found by experience inadequate to the purposes intended, and are partial and unjust in their operation, and it is found necessary that proper persons be invested with the power of streightening old roads; therefore,

Justices to
meet, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the peace (b) for Baltimore, Talbot, (c) Somerset, (d) Cæcil, Prince-George's, Queen-Anne's, (e) Frederick, Harford, Caroline, (f) Montgomery, Allegany and Kent (g) counties, or a majority of the said justices in each of the said counties, (h) are hereby authorised and required to meet annually, at the places and at the usual time for holding their levy court in their respective counties, and when so met, the said justices, or a majority of them then present, shall be and they are hereby authorised and required annually to levy, by equal assessment on the assessable property within their counties respectively, a sum of money as follows, to wit: In Baltimore a sum not exceeding one shilling and three-pence, (i) in Talbot a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence, in Somerset a sum not exceeding one shilling and six-pence, in Cæcil a sum of money not exceeding three shillings, (i) and one third of the money levied on the inhabitants on the east and south side of Elk river, shall be expended on the roads on the east and south side of said river, in the said county, (k) in Prince-George's a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence, in Queen-Anne's a sum not exceeding three shillings, in Frederick a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence, in Harford a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence, in Caroline a sum not exceeding two shillings and six-pence, in Montgomery a sum not exceeding two shillings and six-pence, in Allegany a sum not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence, in Kent county a sum not exceeding two shillings and six-pence, on every hundred pounds of assessable property in the said counties, to be collected as other county taxes, and paid to the justices of the levy court, or to their order, and shall be applied towards streightening and amending the public roads in the said counties, and the said justices, or a majority of them, in their respective counties, shall have full power and authority to appropriate the funds arising from the said tax to the roads in their respective counties, and shall apportion the same in equal proportion among all (l) the public roads of their

(b) See ch. 53, for the establishment and regulation of the levy courts.

(c) This act, as far as it respects Talbot county, is repealed by 1797, ch. 63, section 17.

(d) This act, as far as it related to Somerset county, was repealed by 1796, ch. 59, and by 1797, ch. 84, and again repealed by 1798, ch. 38, which also repealed the acts of 1796, ch. 59, and 1797, ch. 84, as far as they related to Somerset county.

(e) This act, as far as it respects Queen-Anne's county, is repealed by 1799, ch. 70, section 25.

(f) This act, as far as it respects Caroline county, is repealed by 1798, ch. 16, section 17.

(g) This act, as far as it relates to Kent county, is repealed by 1799, ch. 81, section 22.

(h) By 1795, ch. 43, this act is extended to Anne-Arundel and Washington counties, and in the former a sum not exceeding 4s. and in the latter not exceeding 7s. and 6d. on every £. 100 0 0, is to be levied and expended as directed by this act.

(i) By 1795, ch. 43, the sums to be assessed were altered as follows: In Baltimore not exceeding 5s. in Cæcil not exceeding 6s.

(k) By 1795, ch. 43, the provision for expending one third of the money levied on the east and south sides of Elk river on the roads on those sides, is repealed, and the whole money may be laid out on any roads, in the discretion of the justices.

(l) By 1795, ch. 43, the justices of Washington county may appropriate all the money raised, on any of the public roads in such manner as they may think proper.