

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall alter or change, or in any manner obstruct or encroach upon, any of the said roads, or any part or parts thereof, or cut down, destroy or injure, any of the said bridges, causeways, boundaries, marks or directions therein or thereon, without the licence of the justices of the levy court obtained as aforesaid, every such person or persons, being thereof convicted in the county court, shall forfeit and pay a fine, in the discretion of the court, not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars, according to the nature and degree of the offence.

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LXIII.
Penalty on altering, &c. any road, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the said first Monday in April next, all and every act and acts of assembly, and every clause and section thereof, which may respect the public roads of Talbot county, be and the same are hereby repealed; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed or taken to affect any private act or acts of assembly granted upon the application of any particular individual, or the act of assembly passed at October session, in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-three, * entitled, An act for repairing the public roads in this province, or any act or acts of assembly for the building or repairing of any bridge or bridges that are built or maintained at the public or county charge.

Acts repealed.

* Chapter 16.

C H A P. LXIV.

An ACT supplemental to the act, * entitled, An act permitting the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the bason in Baltimore-town to extend and improve the same. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 659.

Passed 20th of Jan. 1798.
* 1796, ch. 45.

WHEREAS by an act of assembly, entitled, An act permitting the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the bason in Baltimore-town to extend and improve the same, it was, amongst other things, enacted, that Charles-street, in Baltimore aforesaid, should be opened and extended from Cambden-street to Barré-street, but by the said act no persons were appointed to lay out and open the same, and no provision was made to indemnify persons holding lots on the said street for any damages sustained by reason of the opening and extending the same; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the city commissioners of the city of Baltimore shall be and they are hereby appointed and authorized to lay out and open the said Charles-street, from Cambden-street to Barré-street, of such width and in such direction as to them shall seem right and proper; and the said street, when so laid out and opened, and the valuation and assessment herein after directed to be made shall have taken place, shall be deemed and taken, and is hereby declared to be, a public street and highway for ever thereafter; and the said commissioners are hereby directed to return a plot, ascertaining the extent and limits of the said street, when so extended and opened, to the register of the city of Baltimore, who shall receive and file the same as part of the plot of the said city.

Street to be laid out, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sheriff of Baltimore county, after having given at least ten days notice, in one of the news-papers of the city of Baltimore, shall, at any time before the first day of April next, summon twelve freeholders, inhabitants of the said city, not interested in the premises, who, being first sworn to assess and value what damages shall be sustained by any person or persons whomsoever by reason of opening and extending the aforesaid street, (taking all benefits and inconveniencies into consideration,) shall proceed to assess and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons whomsoever by opening and extending the said street, and shall also declare what sum of money each individual benefitted thereby shall respectively contribute and pay towards compensating the person or persons injured by opening and extending the said street; and the names of the person or persons, and the sums of money which they shall respectively be obliged to pay, shall be returned, under their hands and seals, to the register aforesaid of the said city, to be filed and kept in his office; and the person or persons benefitted by opening the said street, and assessed as aforesaid, shall respectively pay the sum or sums of money so charged and assessed to them, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per centum from the time limited for the payment thereof.

Sheriff to summon freeholders, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sums of money assessed and charged to each individual benefitted by extending and opening the aforesaid street, shall be a lien upon and bind all the property so benefitted thereby to the full amount thereof.

Sums assessed to be a lien, &c.