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XVI.

of such petition, or in such other manner as they shall think most expedient, not exceeding twenty feet in breadth, without the consent of the said proprietors, and to make return of such location with all convenient speed; and after such road shall be surveyed and laid out agreeably to the intentions of this act, the said court shall direct the application for such road, and the order and proceedings thereupon, and the return of the surveyor, to be enrolled among their records, and thereupon and thereafter such road shall be deemed and considered to be a public road, and shall be kept up and repaired as other public roads in the said county; provided nevertheless, that no old road, so to be affected by this act, shall be stopped up until the new road shall be viewed, examined and received, by two justices of the peace, to be appointed by the said court; and provided also, that such new road shall be laid out, made and completed, at the proper expence of the parties applying for the same; and provided further, that no such application shall affect the lands of infants, persons *non compos mentis*, or persons beyond the limits of this state, until the said disabilities shall be removed.

Penalty on persons altering, &c. any road.

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 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.

Acts repealed, &c.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and every clause and section thereof, which may respect the public roads of Caroline county, be and the same are hereby repealed; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed or taken to affect any private act or acts of assembly granted upon the application of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.

Chapter 16.

Passed 15th of Jan. 1799.

C H A P. XVII.  
An ACT for the support of John Thompson. Lib. JG. No. 3.  
fol. 38.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Raphael Thompson, of Frederick county, by his petition to this general assembly has set forth, that he has, among other children, a son who now is a young man, who is insane, and that he the said Raphael Thompson, father of John Thompson, is not able to maintain him, and prays that an act may pass to provide for the support of the said son out of the poor-house; and the facts stated in the said petition appearing true,

Justices to levy money, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Frederick county shall and they are hereby empowered, at their levy courts annually, so long as they may see cause, to assess and levy on said county a sum of money, not exceeding thirty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said John Thompson.

C H A P. XVIII.  
An ACT for making valid a corrected certificate of land therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 3.  
fol. 39. A Private Act.

C H A P. XIX.  
An ACT for the opening of Second-street, in the city of Baltimore.  
Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 40.

A Supplement 1799, ch. 31.

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry persons of the city of Baltimore have represented to this general assembly, that the health and convenience of the inhabitants of said city would be materially benefitted by the opening and extending of Sharping lane, now called Second-street, in the said city, which is at present considerably obstructed by several small and confined buildings, erected and standing on that part of said street nearest to and adjoining South-street: And whereas this general assembly have good