

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to establish a Road from *Hunting-Creek*, in *Dorchester*, to *Dover*, in *Talbot County*.

WHEREAS *Henry Troth* of *Talbot County*, by his humble Petition to this General Assembly, among other Things, hath set forth, That it would not only be to the Ease of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Dorchester* and *Talbot*, that a Public Road should be established from *Hunting-Creek*, in *Dorchester County*, to *Dover*, in *Talbot County*, and a Ferry kept across the River of *Choptank*, at *Dover*, but to the great convenience of the Public, by shortning the Distance to all Persons travelling up or down the Eastern Shore of this Province; which said Petition is recommended by a great Number of the principal Inhabitants of the Counties aforesaid, and appears to this General Assembly to be true in it's Material Facts; it is therefore prayed that it may be Enacted;

Preamble.

II. And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That on the Application of the said *Henry Troth*, or any other Person, to the Justices of *Dorchester County*, after a good and sufficient Road and Causeway, twelve Feet wide at least at the Top, shall be made and perfected through the Marsh of *Choptank River*, in *Dorchester County*, opposite to the Main Road at *Dover* aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices, and they are hereby required, to cause a Road to be laid out and sufficiently cleared and made, from the Road that leads from *Hunting-Creek* aforesaid, to *Kingstown*, in *Talbot County*, to the End of the said Causeway, where it shall join the fast Land, and from thence with the said Causeway, to the River aforesaid, and after the same shall be well and sufficiently cleared and made, the said Justices shall appoint an Overseer, with a sufficient Number of the Neighbouring Inhabitants under his Directions, to keep the said Road and Causeway in good Repair, as other Roads ought to be kept, without any further Tax upon the County; under the like Penalties for Neglect or Omission, as other Overseers and People under them, are by the Laws in Force relating to Public Roads, liable to.

A Road to be made 12 Feet wide from *Choptank* to *Dover*.

III. Provided always, and be it Enacted, That the said Road shall be laid out in such Manner and Form, as shall be most to the Public convenience, and least to the prejudice of the Possessor or Possessors of the Lands, on which the same shall be made.

To be made convenient for the Public.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices aforesaid, and they are hereby required at their next *November Court*, after such Application, to assess and levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said County of *Dorchester*, a sufficient Sum to defray the Expences of clearing and making the Road aforesaid; to be paid and collected in the same Manner that the County Levies are paid and collected; Provided such Sum does not exceed the Quantity of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco.

2,500 lbs of Tobacco to be levied to pay the Expence.

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An ACT continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of such Persons as cannot find Surety for their Appearance, to testify as a Witness against any Person arrested, accused, or prosecuted, for any Criminal Matter.*

BE it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That an Act

The Act of 1752, ch. 13, continued 7 Years, &c.

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