

sent of a majority of the commissioners of said town, and with the approbation and consent of the proprietors of the ground through which the same shall pass, are hereby authorized and permitted to make and open a canal, not to exceed forty feet wide, and of a convenient and reasonable depth, from the upper part of the Basin of Baltimore-town to the Ferry-branch of Patapsco river; beginning the same on the Basin at the street called Forest-street, and running the same in a convenient direction to the waters of the Ferry-branch; which said canal, when made and finished, shall be, and is hereby declared for ever hereafter to be, a highway, and free for the passage of boats belonging to any persons whatever to pass and repass through the same, without any toll or tax demanded for the same by the proprietors of the ground through which the same shall pass; provided that the proprietors of the ground through which the said canal shall pass, and those interested in the said canal, shall make and constantly keep in repair a good and sufficient bridge over the said canal, at such place as is most convenient and proper for a road or way from the lower ferry of Patapsco river to Baltimore-town, to be determined by the commissioners of the said town, or a majority of them, for travellers and others securely and conveniently to pass; and if the said proprietors, and those who shall be interested and engaged in the cutting the said canal, shall neglect to make such bridge or to keep it in proper repair after made, then the justices of Baltimore county are hereby authorized and empowered to assess and levy such sum or sums of money upon the said proprietors of land, and others interested in the said canal, as will be sufficient for the purposes aforesaid; and every proprietor and person interested in the cutting the said canal, shall, before the same is begun, enter his or her name as a proprietor or person interested, in a list of such persons to be kept by the commissioners of Baltimore-town, which list, when completed, shall be by the said commissioners returned to the clerk of Baltimore county court, by him to be recorded.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the said town shall be allowed, for their trouble in causing the said town to be generally and correctly surveyed, and the bounds thereof perpetuated and established, the sum of seven shillings and six-pence current money per day each, for each and every day the said commissioners shall be employed in the exercise thereof; and they are also hereby empowered and directed to hire a clerk, to enter up all their proceedings, from time to time, fairly on record, for such salary as they may think proper to give, not exceeding fifty pounds current money per annum.

Commissioners allowed, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That such part of the street tax as shall be sufficient for the purpose, be appropriated by the commissioners of Baltimore-town to defray the expences incurred in the execution of this act, and the said commissioners are hereby empowered to draw on the collector of the said tax for the amount thereof.

Part of street tax appropriated, &c.

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An ACT to authorize the vestry and churchwardens of Coventry parish to receive the money therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the vestry and churchwardens of Coventry parish, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that in virtue of an act of assembly passed at March session seventeen hundred and seventy-four, entitled, an act to empower the justices of Somerset and Worcester counties to levy on the taxable inhabitants of Coventry parish in the said counties the quantity of thirty-two thousand pounds of tobacco, a sum of money and tobacco was collected for the building

Preamble.

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