

1785.

L A W S O F M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P.
XLVIII.
Justices to levy money, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of Baltimore county, are hereby authorized and required, to assess and levy, at their next March court, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds current money, on the taxable property in said county, with the collector's commission of four per centum for collecting the same, which said assessment, so as aforesaid to be made and levied, shall be collected by the public collector of said county, in the same manner as other public county taxes are by law collected, and the same, when so as aforesaid collected, shall be paid by the collector to William Russell, Thomas Russell, Lyde Goodwin, Darby Lux, and Samuel Owings, or a majority of them; who are hereby appointed commissioners for repairing and finishing the court-house aforesaid, and are authorized and required to receive and apply the same to finishing and completing the court-house aforesaid.

And agree with undertakers, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and directed, as soon as possible, to treat and agree with undertakers or workmen to finish the same in a complete and substantial manner.

Commissioners to compel a compliance, &c.

IV. *And,* whereas by the act, entitled, An act for underpinning and arching the court-house of Baltimore county, in Baltimore-town, and the extension of Calvert street, the justices of Baltimore county were directed to take bond with security, to indemnify Baltimore county in case any damage or injury should be done said court-house by or during the progress of said work, or in case the said house should fall, or its foundation be rendered less secure by the said arching and underpinning; *Be it enacted,* That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, be and are hereby required and directed, to compel the persons aforesaid, by suit or otherwise, to comply with the condition of their bond; and the damages that the said county have or shall sustain, be applied by said commissioners to repairing and finishing the said court-house, or by them paid to the justices of the peace for said county, to be applied to the uses of said county.

C H A P. XLIX.

Passed Mar. 8. An ACT to declare and ascertain the right of citizens of this state to private roads or ways.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the citizens of this state ought to have a road or way from their farms and plantations to places of public worship, to mills, market-towns, public ferries, and court-houses, and such benefit ought to be enjoyed and exercised with as little possible injury or damage to the lands through which such private roads or ways shall pass,

Citizens ought to have a road, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, and it is hereby declared,* That every citizen of this state ought to have a road or way to and from their farms and plantations to places of public worship, and mills, market-towns, public ferries, and court-houses.

Courts may direct roads to be laid out, &c.

III. *Be it enacted,* That the several county courts in this state, on application, be authorized and required to direct the surveyor of their county to lay out any such private road or way, not exceeding sixteen feet clear of ditches in breadth, and to order such surveyor to lay out the same, with as little possible damage or injury as may be, and to make return thereof to the said court; and if any person through whose land such road may pass, or if the person applying therefor shall object to its running in the manner returned by the surveyor, the said court may make such order as to the course of the said road as they may think proper; and after