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for their services, and to establish badges and regulations respecting the same; and no person shall be allowed to sweep or clean any chimney, within the limits thereof, for hire or pay, without a licence first obtained from the said fire company: Provided always, that the rate for a chimney of one story shall not exceed one shilling, and for two or more stories eighteen-pence.

President, &c. to licence chimney sweeps, &c.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the president and trustees of the said company are hereby authorized to issue a licence or licences, as the one or the other may seem best, to any person or persons, for the better sweeping of chimnies in the town and precincts aforesaid, and the same to recall as often as they may please, he or they so licensed paying annually for the same a sum not less than five pounds nor more than fifty pounds, as the case may be, or in proportion to the number licensed, and extent of the district prescribed in which he or they may be authorized to sweep chimnies, and entering into bond, and one good security, in the penalty of one hundred pounds current money, to pay the fine imposed by law as often as any chimney shall take fire within thirty days after his or their sweeping the same.

Penalty for sweeping without licence, &c.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That any person sweeping for pay without a licence, for every offence, after the first day of June next, shall forfeit three pounds current money, half to the informer, and the other half to the street commissioners for the paving and repair of the streets, and if any such delinquent shall be a slave, the same shall be paid by his master or mistress.

A record to be kept, &c.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That the said company shall keep a record of all persons licensed as sweeps, and the number of the licence granted him or them, and make laws and regulations for carrying this power into effect, not being contrary to law or the provisions of this act.

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Passed December 30.

An ACT to streighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, by the petition of the inhabitants of Harford county, that their public roads are out of repair, and in their present situation require streightening and amending, and that several other roads are requisite and necessary, and ought to be laid out in as streight a direction as the situation of the ground will admit, and that the expence thereof be hereafter levied on the taxable property within the said county;

Several roads to be laid out, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following roads shall be laid out, surveyed, marked and bounded, in the manner hereafter directed, viz. One road beginning at the Pennsylvania line where the road from Peach-Bottom ferry, on the river Susquehanna, intersects the said line, and from thence to Thomas Underhill's mills on Deer creek, and from thence into the most convenient road leading to Baltimore-town; one other road leading from the Bald-Friar ferry, on the said river, to Belle-Air, and from thence, in as streight a direction as the situation of the ground will admit, towards Baltimore-town, as far as the line of Baltimore county, at the Little Falls of Gunpowder river; and one other road leading from Belle-Air aforesaid to the Lower Cross-Roads, from thence to the ferry known by the name of Smith's ferry, on Susquehanna river; and that all other public roads within the said county may and shall be streightened and amended as herein after directed.

Justices to meet, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the justices of the peace in the aforesaid county, or any three or more of them, be and they are hereby authorized and required to meet on the second Monday in March next, or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, at the court-house of said county, and at their levy court in every year thereafter, and so met, may and shall levy a sum of money not exceeding the sum of three shillings and nine-pence, or less than two shillings and six-pence, current