

C H A P. LIII.

Companies continued, &c.

XXVI. And, whereas sundry companies of artillery, cavalry and infantry, now exist, or may exist, in the town of Baltimore, previous to the twentieth day of May next, *Be it enacted*, That all such companies now formed, or that may be formed previous to the said twentieth day of May next, shall be and are hereby continued and confirmed, subject nevertheless to all duties, fines and penalties, to which the rest of the militia are subjected by this act; provided, that the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall have the appointment and commissioning of the officers of the said companies.

Duration.

XXVII. And *be it enacted*, That this act shall continue and be in force for and during the continuance of the before recited act of congress.

C H A P. LIV.

Passed December 28.

An ACT to open and lay out roads from Denton, the seat of justice in Caroline county, to different parts of said county, and the same, when opened and laid out, to be the public roads of said county.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the inhabitants of Caroline county experience considerable inconvenience for the want of public roads leading from Denton, their seat of justice, to different parts of said county, and as it is right and proper they should have the same for their ease and convenience; therefore,

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Henry Downes, Joseph Richardson, Christopher Driver, William Robinson and Robert Hardeastle, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to open and lay out the following roads in Caroline county aforesaid, to wit: A road from the west side of Choptank river, opposite to Denton, to intersect the road from Tuckahoe Bridge to Price's Landing; another road from the west side of Choptank river, opposite to Denton, to Tuckahoe Bridge; another road from the west side of Choptank river, opposite to Denton, to intersect the road from Greensborough to Tuckahoe Bridge at or near the Deep Branches; a road from Denton, down Choptank river, to intersect the road leading from Greensborough to Dover ferry between Rhodes's plantation and the mill commonly called and known by the name of Potter's Mill; another road from Denton to intersect the road from Greensborough to Dover ferry between the Old Chapel and the Three Bridges; and one other road from Denton, up Choptank river, to intersect the road from Greensborough to Dover ferry at or near Matthew Driver's saw-mill; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby directed and empowered to open and lay out the said roads not more than twenty-five feet in width; which said roads shall be opened and laid out by the said commissioners in the straightest and best direction and manner, as they, or a majority of them, shall think proper, so as to admit of the least possible injury that may be to the person or persons through whose lands the said roads shall pass, and provided the same roads be not opened and laid out through the houses, yards, gardens, orchards or meadows, of any person or persons, unless by their consent first had and obtained by the said commissioners.

Roads, when opened, &c. to be returned, &c.

III. And *be it enacted*, That the said roads, or any of them, when so opened and laid out by the said commissioners as aforesaid, shall, by the said commissioners, or a majority of them, be returned to and laid before the justices of Caroline county court at their next sitting thereafter, and shall be by the said court received and entered upon the records of the said court as public roads of the said county, the court being first satisfied of the consent of the persons respectively through whose houses, yards, gardens, orchards or meadows, any part of the said roads may pass, having been first obtained before the laying out and opening the same.

Commissioners may employ persons, &c.

IV. And *be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power and authority to employ such persons as they may think proper, to open and make good the said roads, and that all the expences in opening, laying out and making, the said roads, shall be levied on Caroline county, and collected