

lected in the same manner as other county levies and taxes are imposed and collected, with the usual commission for collection thereof; and the sum of money so collected as aforesaid, shall be paid by the person collecting the same to the commissioners aforesaid, or to some one of them, to be applied to the purposes aforesaid.

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V. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners shall, after the completion of the said roads, account with the justices of Caroline county court for the expenditures of all sums of money which shall be paid to them for the purposes aforesaid, and shall pay over such balance as may remain in their hands to the justices of the levy court of the said county, or to such person or persons as they may appoint to receive the same, to be applied towards defraying the county charges of said county.

And account with the justices, &c.

VI. **And be it further enacted,** That when the said roads are laid out and opened as aforesaid, and received as public roads as aforesaid, they shall be kept in repair and order as all other public roads in said county are.

Roads to be kept in repair, &c.

VII. **And,** whereas the said roads may cause damage to the proprietors of lands through which the same may pass, and it is reasonable and just that compensation should be made to such of the said proprietors as choose to receive it, **Be it enacted,** That upon application of any such proprietor to the county court of Caroline county, within two years after the road, by which he is injured, is entered of record, or in case of the infancy of such proprietor, upon application as aforesaid within two years after the age of twenty-one years, or within two years after his death, in case he dies during his infancy, the justices of the said court shall be empowered to agree with such applicant for the amount of the damages sustained, not exceeding the rate of forty shillings current money per acre; but if such agreement cannot be made, then the said court shall issue their warrant to the sheriff of the said county, commanding him to summon and return a jury of twelve good and lawful men of the said county, to be and appear before him on the premises, on a certain day in the said warrant to be expressed; which jury, on their oath, to be administered by the said sheriff, shall inquire whether the applicant is owner of the land through which the said road passes, and what damage he will sustain from the passing of the said road over his land, taking into consideration all conveniences and inconveniences, advantages and disadvantages, arising therefrom; and such sheriff shall return the inquest of the said jury, or of any eight of them agreeing, under his hand and seal, and the hands and seals of the said jury, to the next county court to be held for the said county, and the amount of the said damages and costs of the said inquest, with a commission as aforesaid, shall be assessed and levied on the said county in the same manner as other county levies.

Court, on application, to agree for damages, &c.

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A Supplement to an act concerning petitions for freedom.

Passed December 28.

WHEREAS it is found by experience to be inconvenient to the citizens of this state, that the general court of either shore should have and possess original jurisdiction on petitions for freedom; therefore,

Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no petition or petitions for freedom shall hereafter originate in the general court of either shore, but shall commence and be tried only in the county where such petitioner or petitioners shall reside, under the direction of his, her or their master, mistress or owner; and the court of the county in which such petition or petitions shall be preferred, shall have full power and authority to issue process against such master, mistress or owner, for the purpose of compelling his or her appearance, directed to the sheriff of the county where such person or persons shall reside, and such sheriff shall serve and return such process in the same manner as if issued by the county court of his county, and in case of neglect or delay in such sheriff to execute and return such process, he may be fined by the court issuing such process.

No petition to originate in the general court, &c.