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right of any person who may think him or herself injured by such survey, and who shall commence an action against the said vestry for the recovery of his or her claim within five years from the passing of this act, nor shall the right of any person be prejudiced, who, at the time of passing this act, is under the age of twenty-one years, *non compos mentis*, out of this state, or a feme-covert, if such person or his or her heirs or assigns, shall prosecute an action against the said vestry for the recovery of his or her claim within five years after he or she shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, or become *compos mentis*, or return to this state, or become uncovert, or die, during such infancy, insanity, absence from the state, or coverture.

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Passed December 28.

An ACT to regulate and repair the public roads in Cæcil county

Preamble.

WHEREAS the mode for repairing the roads in Cæcil county under the present existing laws, is found by experience to be unequal to the purposes intended, and partial and unjust in its operations, and it seems expedient for the good of the county, and convenience of the people, to provide a more effectual method, and to vest in proper persons a power of laying out new, and streightening and amending old, roads in said county; therefore,

Justices to meet, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of the peace for Cæcil county, or any five of them, shall and they are hereby empowered and required to meet at their court-house on the first Monday in March next, and in each succeeding year, during the continuance of this act, at the usual time of holding their levy court, and at every such annual meeting to levy by equal assessment on the assessable property within their said county, a sum of money not exceeding three shillings and nine-pence on every hundred pounds of assessable property in said county, to be collected as other county taxes are, which shall be paid to the justices of the levy court, or their order, to be applied toward streightening, laying out and amending, roads in the said county; and the said justices, or any five of them, shall have full power and authority to appropriate the funds arising from the said tax to the said roads, and to anticipate the collection of the said tax, by permitting, if expedient, the supervisor or supervisors to accept of labour in lieu thereof, by issuing orders to those by whom such labour may be rendered, to be discounted in taxes with the collector of the county in discharge of monies for that particular tax.

On application to appoint three persons, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of the levy court, or any five of them, on application in writing, signed by a majority of the inhabitants of any hundred or hundreds through which any road may pass, to establish a new public road, or to streighten any old road heretofore laid out as a public road, shall have power and authority to appoint three discreet persons, freeholders in said county commissioners, to view, survey and plot, the said road so applied for, and make a return thereof to the said court at their next meeting, who, on receiving such plot or plots, shall examine the same, and all evidence that shall or may be offered for or against the said road, as returned, and if disapproved, may reject the same or may direct the said commissioners to alter and amend the said plot, and when approved, shall direct them to mark and bound said road or roads accordingly and direct a supervisor or supervisors to clear and improve the same, in the same manner, and on the same terms, as other roads heretofore laid out, and upon completing the same, the said road shall be deemed a public road, and shall be kept in repair as all other public roads in said county are by this law directed to be kept; provided, that if any person shall think himself aggrieved by the alteration of any old road, or by the running of any new road, he may appeal from the determination of the said justices to the next county court of Cæcil county, who shall have full power either to reject or confirm the road ascertained by the said justices, or to make such alteration thereof as they may think proper, and their decision shall be final.

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