

C H A P. XLVIII.

the sum of fifty-six pounds five shillings, which said several sums of money, together with the collector's usual commissions for collection, respectively, shall be assessed, levied and collected, in the same manner other county charges and public dues for the ensuing year shall be assessed, levied and collected; and the said several collectors, and their securities, respectively, shall be answerable for and pay the said several and respective sums of money to the commissioners aforesaid, or either of them, or their order, at any time after the said sums of money have or ought to have been collected; and if any of the said collectors shall neglect or refuse to pay the respective assessments, the commissioners, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and required to sue for and recover the same from such collector, or his securities, or his or their executors or administrators, respectively, in an action of trespass on the case, in which it shall be sufficient to declare for so much money had and received by the defendant for the use of the plaintiffs.

How vacancies are to be filled.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That if any of the said commissioners shall die, or remove out of the county of which he is a commissioner, before the completion of the said new bridge and road, or shall refuse to act, the survivor or survivors shall appoint some other person or persons in his or their stead, and the person or persons so appointed shall have the same powers and authorities vested in the commissioners in this act named.

Bridge to be kept up, &c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That from and after the time of erecting and building the said bridge, it shall be kept up and supported at the joint expence of the said three counties, in the proportions before mentioned; and the said new road, when laid out, opened and completed, by the said commissioners, as directed and empowered by this act, the said road shall then be considered and deemed as a public road, and kept in repair and order as other public roads in the said counties are kept up and repaired.

Commissioners to render an account, &c.

VI. **And be it further enacted,** That the said commissioners, or some one or two of them, shall render to the justices of the peace of the said counties respectively, at their levy courts next after the expenditure of the said monies, a true, full and fair account of all money by them laid out and expended by virtue of this act, and if, after completing the said bridge and road, any surplus of money shall remain in the hands of the said commissioners, or any of them, the same shall be paid, in equal proportion, by the said commissioners, or some one of them, to the justices of the peace, or any three of them, of the said respective counties, to be applied towards defraying the public charges of the said counties respectively.

Proviso.

VII. **Provided always,** That nothing in this act shall be construed to extend to give any power or authority to the said commissioners to lay out the new road, or build the new bridge, contemplated in this act, without the leave of the proprietors of the land through which the said new road may pass, and if the leave of the said proprietors shall be obtained by the said commissioners, to authorize them to lay out the said new road, and after laying out and completing the same, that then and in such case an act of assembly, entitled, An act for building a bridge over Tuckahoe Creek, passed at May session, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, be and the same shall be hereby repealed.

C H A P. XLIX.

Passed December 25.

An ACT to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government which prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being members of the legislature, electors of the senate, or to hold offices of profit and trust.

Quakers, &c. affirming, may hold offices, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That every person being a member of either of the religious sects or societies called Quakers, Methodists, Tunkers or Nicolites, or New Quakers, and who shall be conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath on any occasion, being otherwise qualified