

Passed December 24.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the severall public roads in severall counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Montgomery county, that part of the sixteenth road, as laid off by the commissioners under the original act, may be considerably streightened, and carried over as good or better ground, and at a less expence, and have prayed that commissioners may be appointed to lay off the same; therefore,

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Richard Wootton, Samuel Brooke and Allen Bowie, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay off, survey, mark and bound, in the manner directed by the original act, a road from Benjamin Edwards's store, in the streightest and most convenient direction to intersect the river road leading from the mouth of Monocacy to George-town, and return a plot of the same, with explanations, to the justices of Montgomery county within six months after the passage of this act.

Justices to examine the plot, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the justices aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, on the said plot being returned, to examine and compare the same with the road laid off by the commissioners appointed under the original act, and, upon a consideration of all circumstances, to order and direct which of the roads so laid off and surveyed shall be the public road, to be opened and kept in repair under the provisions of the original act; and the said justices shall order and direct the plot of the road, by them ordered and adjudged as aforesaid, to be recorded among the records of Montgomery county.

Damages to be ascertained, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That in case the said justices shall ratify and confirm the road directed to be laid out by this act, the damages sustained by any person or persons through whose land the same may pass shall be ascertained and paid in the manner directed by the act to which this is a supplement.

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A Supplement to the act respecting the punishment of criminals.

Assistant justices to attend, &c.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the assistant justices of Baltimore county court, appointed under the act to which this is a supplement, shall attend, in a weekly rotation, at the court-house, or some other convenient place in Baltimore-town, for receiving the reports and superintending the conduct of the watch established in the said town, and shall be allowed the sum of ten shillings for every day they shall be employed in virtue of this act, and the act to which this is a supplement.

Justices to exercise certain powers, &c.

II. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of the said court, and each of them, shall and may lawfully exercise all the powers, jurisdictions and authorities, vested in the justices of the criminal court of Baltimore county, appointed under the act, entitled, An act respecting the punishment of criminals, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, and which might have been lawfully exercised by them, or any of them, either in court or in vacation.

Part of an act repealed, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That so much of the act, entitled, A supplement to the act for the establishment of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, as imposes the levying and collecting of a tax on the dwelling-houses, store-houses and warehouses, in the said town, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and the justices of the said court shall, in lieu thereof, levy in each year, during the continuance of this act, on the assessable property of Baltimore-town, a sum, in addition to the funds provided by law, which shall be sufficient for the support of the said watch, and the erection of lamps, within the said town, to be collected in the manner directed by the aforesaid supplementary act.