

and keeping in repair any road, or such part thereof, and for such length of time during the existence of this law, as in their judgment shall seem most advisable, and for the interest of the county; and where any person or persons shall contract for the keeping in repair of any public road in virtue of this act, and shall neglect to keep the same in such repair as it is the duty of the supervisors by law to do, then such person or persons so contracting shall be subject to the same penalty as supervisors of public roads in like cases now are, to be recovered and applied in the same manner; and every person or persons so contracting with the justices of the levy court in any county of this state, shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with such security as the justices of the levy court shall approve of, and in such sum or penalty as they shall require, for the performance of such contract, and such contractors shall have and exercise all the powers which supervisors of public roads now have or may or can exercise in virtue of the act to which this is a supplement.

VI. And be it enacted, That in all cases where any of the said roads shall be let out to be completed or repaired on contract, it shall and is hereby declared to be the duty of the levy court of the county within which such road shall lie, to appoint some person or persons to view such road, and report to them whether the same shall have been completed according to the terms of such contract, before the said court shall be authorised in virtue thereof to pay for the same; provided, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to prevent the said levy courts respectively from making such advances of money to such contractor or contractors, for completing or repairing the said roads, as they in their discretion shall think necessary.

Persons to be appointed, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That where any damages or sum of money shall be allowed to any person or persons for the opening of any public road through his, her or their land, the payment thereof shall not be made until the road for which such damage or sum of money is allowed be actually laid out and opened.

Damages, &c. when to be paid.

VIII. And be it enacted, That no supervisor of any public road shall at any time proceed to work and labour on such public road with a less number of able-bodied labourers than six, unless it be for the purpose of removing some fallen trees or other obstruction, under the penalty of forfeiting his own wages for the time that a less number of hands shall be employed, and to be deducted out of his allowance by the levy court.

Supervisors not to work with less than six labourers, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That so much of the original act to which this is a supplement as requires one third of the money levied on the inhabitants on the east and south side of Elk river to be expended on the roads on the east and south side of said river, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the whole of the money collected in said county to be laid out on any roads in said county in the discretion and judgment of the levy court.

Part of an act repealed, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That all that part of an act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which authorises and empowers the justices of Montgomery county court to levy a sum, not exceeding two shillings in the hundred pound of assessable property, for the clearing and amending the several public roads in said county, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the power and authority by said act vested in the justices of said county court is hereby transferred to and vested in the justices of the levy court for said county.

Part of another act repealed, &c.

XI. And, whereas it is represented, that in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties a sufficient number of hands cannot be hired for reasonable wages to repair the public roads in said counties, by which means they remain in bad condition, and the supervisors subjected to a fine as for neglect; for remedy whereof, Be it enacted, That the supervisors in the said counties of Queen-Anne's and Caroline shall

Slaves may be required, &c.