

C H A P.  
LXIX.  
Licence may be  
granted, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of Anne-Arundel county court may, at their discretion, grant a licence for regulating the said ferry as a county ferry, if in their opinion it will be for the benefit and advantage of said county.

Passed 3d of  
Jan. 1800.  
Preamble.

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An ACT relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county.  
WHEREAS the present laws relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county are in part inadequate to the purposes for which they were intended; therefore,

Justices to levy  
money, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of the levy court for Queen-Anne's county, or a majority of them, at their annual meeting at the time for holding their levy court at the court-house in Centre-Ville, shall levy, by equal assessment, on the assessable property within the said county, a sum of money not exceeding three shillings on every hundred pounds of assessable property, to be collected as other county taxes, and paid to the justices of the levy court, or to their order, and shall be applied towards freightening, amending and keeping in repair, the public roads in the said county; and the said justices, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to appropriate the funds arising from the said tax to the public roads in the said county, and shall apportion the same in just proportions among all the public roads of the said county, regarding the situation and quantity of labour necessary for the improvement of such roads.

Roads to be de-  
scribed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court for the county aforesaid, or a majority of them, when so met together as aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby authorized and required to describe, ascertain, and distinctly record in a well bound book to be provided by them for that purpose, the several and respective public roads in the said county, and to nominate and appoint, by warrant under the hand of the clerk, and seal of his office, capable and proper persons as supervisors of the several and respective roads aforesaid, according to the number and divisions of the said roads, as the same shall be ascertained upon their records; provided nevertheless, that the said roads shall be so apportioned, divided and described, as not to require a greater number of supervisors than six in any one hundred of the said county; and that the said justices, or a majority of them, may adjourn from day to day until the said roads shall be duly ascertained, and supervisors appointed as aforesaid; and every supervisor so appointed shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with such security as shall be approved of by the said justices, in such sum or penalty as the said justices shall require, for the performance of his duty.

How vacancies  
are to be filled.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any supervisor or supervisors already appointed, or to be appointed, shall refuse to act, or remove out of the district, become disqualified, or die, it shall and may be lawful for any two of the neighbouring justices of the peace to supply every vacancy so happening, by the appointment of another person, who shall give bond as aforesaid, with such security, and in such penalty, as shall be approved of by the aforesaid justices of the peace, and they shall certify every such appointment, under their hands, to the clerk of the county, who shall record the same, and within ten days thereafter shall issue a warrant to the person so appointed, and deliver the same to the sheriff, to be served upon the party in the same manner, and under the same penalty, as directed in such case by this act.

Justices may  
establish rates,  
&c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court shall, at their annual meeting under this act for the regulation of the conduct of the supervisors, fix and establish reasonable rates for the hire of labourers, horses, carts, waggons or other carriages, to be worked or used on the public roads of the said county, and shall publish the same in every hundred of the said county; and each of the supervisors are hereby authorized and empowered to hire and employ, if necessary, at reasonable wages, not exceeding such wages as shall be established under the regulation before recited, a sufficient number of labourers to work on the public roads, and to hire and employ horses, carts, waggons or other convenient carriages, for the purpose of carrying earth, gravel, stones, timber, or other heavy articles necessary for making, amending and keeping in repair, the said roads, bridges and causeways.

Make out lists,  
&c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court shall, at every such meeting, make out distinct lists of all the taxable inhabitants within the said county, together with the amount of their road taxes, and furnish the collector of the county with copies thereof within ten days after their meeting.