

C H A P. XXXI. forty dollars, for the support and maintenance of said Ezekiel Donovan, and that the same be collected and paid annually to the aforesaid Frances Donovan by the collector or collectors of Harford county, agreeably to the order of the levy court aforesaid.

C H A P. XXXII.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1801. Commissioners appointed, &c.

An ACT respecting the public roads in Washington county.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Paul Hoyer, Joseph Sprigg and John Shaffer, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to examine and review that part of the main road leading from Turner's gap, in the South Mountain, to William's Port, so far as the same passes through the lands of Samuel Ringgold, and to view and examine the lands adjoining the said road, and if in their opinion the direction of the said road can be altered in the part above mentioned, to the advantage of the county, that then the said commissioners shall cause to be surveyed, at the expence of the said Samuel Ringgold, the grounds on which, in their opinion, the road may be run with greater convenience to the county, and without delay execute, sign and seal, plain plots of the same, with explicit explanations thereof, and make return of such plots and explanations to the levy court of the said county, who, on receiving such plots and explanations, shall examine the same, with all the evidence that may be offered for or against the said road, as returned, and upon consideration of all circumstances, may reject or confirm the same, as part of the road leading from Turner's gap to William's Port, and shall cause the same, if confirmed, to be recorded among the land records of Washington county, and shall direct the said commissioners to mark and bound the said road sixty feet in width; and upon the said road, so laid out and confirmed, being opened, cleared and improved, by the said Samuel Ringgold, at his expence, the said road shall be deemed part of the main road leading from Turner's gap to William's Port, and shall be kept in repair as all other public roads in the said county are by law directed to be kept.

C H A P. XXXIII.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1801.

An ACT to authorise commissioners to review the roads leading from the mouth of Monocacy to George-town and the city of Baltimore, through the lands of Levin Lockett, in Montgomery county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Levin Lockett, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that he is possessed of a tract of land at the mouth of Monocacy, in Montgomery county, at which place a number of roads center, to the great injury and inconvenience of the plantation on said land, and hath further set forth, that the main road from George-town hath been laid out by the commissioners through a long narrow field, and over marshy ground, and hath prayed that he may be authorised to turn said road on the edge of his field, as also the road leading to the city of Baltimore, and to discontinue the old George-town road; therefore,

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Morton, Thomas Veatch, Abraham Jones, Thomas N. Harwood and Solomon Davis, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with full power and authority to enter on the lands of the said Levin Lockett, and if upon viewing the premises and the roads that run through the same, they shall be of opinion that no material injury would result to the public by altering or changing the said road, then the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall cause the said roads to be surveyed and laid out anew, and a certificate and plot of the same, and the courses thereof, to be made under the hands and seals of the said commissioners, or such of them as shall act, being a majority, and shall return the same to the levy court of the said county, and if the said court shall approve of such alteration as made by the commissioners aforesaid, and shall confirm the same, the said road shall be recorded among the land records of the said county as a public road.

Roads deemed a highway, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when the said roads are so altered, changed and laid out anew, the certificate and plot returned and recorded as aforesaid, the same shall then, and for ever thereafter, be deemed and taken as a public highway, and kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads in said county are.

L. Lockett to pay expences.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the expences arising in the execution of this act shall be paid by the said Levin Lockett.