

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall and they are hereby directed and required, to make or cause to be made a plot of said road, when surveyed as aforesaid; and shall make return of said plot together with a certificate of the courses of said road, to the clerk of Montgomery county, to be recorded among the records of said county, and when the same shall be widened, straightened, amended and made public as directed by this act, the said road shall forever thereafter, be deemed a public highway; and shall be kept in repair as other public roads of Montgomery county; *Provided*, the said commissioners shall not lay out the said road through the buildings, gardens, orchards or meadows, or through the lands of any person or persons without their consent.

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CHAPTER 185.

An act to repair the High-ways and Bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore.

Passed Feb.
24, 1824.
Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the General Assembly of the state of Maryland, that the High-ways and Bridges in that part of the city of Baltimore lying without the limits of direct taxation, but within the exterior limits of the city, are frequently rendered impassable to the very great injury and inconvenience of the community in consequence of their being no appropriation of money for the purpose of keeping them in repair—*I* herefore.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*; That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have power to lay and collect a direct tax, not exceeding thirty-five cents in the hundred dollars on the assessment of all lands and houses in the said city, lying without the present limits of direct taxation and within the exterior limits of said city, and may enforce the payment of the same in the same manner as is now provided with respect to the direct taxes which the said corporation is now authorised to impose; and the tenants in possession shall be liable to the payment of the said tax imposed upon the premises occupied by them, without its operating however to alter the nature of contracts between landlords and tenants.

Power to tax.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the taxes thus levied, after deducting the expenses of collection, shall be annually applied by the corporation of the city of Baltimore, in making and repairing such of the public high-ways and bridges within the limits subject to this present assessment, as they shall deem most important to the public necessity and convenience; and the said corporation shall have power to provide by ordinance for the collection and expenditure of said tax, in such manner as they may deem advisable.

Money ap-
plied.

3. *And be it enacted*, That this law shall continue in force until the first day of November, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, and until the end of the next session of the General Assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Limitation.

4. *And be it enacted*, That no further sum than two hundred dollars shall be appropriated in any one year to the erection of any one bridge within the limits aforesaid.

Appropriation for bridges limited.

CHAPTER 186.

An act to prevent the opening of the old road therein mentioned in Anne Arundel county.

Passed Feb.
24, 1824.
Preamble.

WHEREAS, the road commonly called the old Pushpin road leading from the road laid out from Ellicott's Mills to Snell's Bridge, at or near the corner of Owen Dorsey's fence and crossing the Patuxent river at the old Pushpin Ford, and intersecting the road leading from