

the roads so surveyed and laid out by the commissioners appointed by this act shall be taken, held and adjudged, in all courts of law and equity, public roads and common highways, and shall as such be recorded, made, amended and repaired, in the same manner as if the said commissioners of review had approved and confirmed the same.

C H A P. LIX.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case of the death, resignation, disqualification or refusal to act of any of the commissioners aforesaid, the commissioners of review are hereby authorized and empowered to make other appointments to fill up such vacancy or vacancies, and re-appointments, if necessary, from time to time, as often as occasion shall require, until each of the said roads shall be surveyed, plotted, returned and recorded, as aforesaid.

How vacancies are to be filled.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of review are hereby authorized and empowered to allow such reasonable compensation, not exceeding two dollars per day, to the said commissioners, and all others who may be employed in executing and carrying into effect the directions of this act, except the surveyor, to whom the said commissioners may, in their discretion, allow a compensation not exceeding four dollars per day.

Allowance to be made, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained shall change, alter or repeal, any part of the act, (a) entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, or one other act, (b) entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in the several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, except the provision confirming the surveys and plots returned by the commissioners hereby appointed, in case the commissioners of review shall neglect to view, examine, and confirm or correct, and alter the same, and finally ascertain and fix the location thereof, within the time therein mentioned.

Not to change former acts, &c.

(a) April, 1787, ch. 23.

(b) 1790, ch. 32.

IX. AND, whereas it appears from the plot of the turnpike road leading from the city of Baltimore towards York-town, in the state of Pennsylvania, recorded in the clerk's office of Baltimore county, that there are two courses with calls, without expressing distances; wherefore, BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of review shall, on or before the first Monday in April next, appoint a surveyor to survey the said road, and ascertain the distances of the courses in all cases where no distances are expressed in the aforesaid plot, and return the said plot, when amended, to the clerk's office of Baltimore county, to be recorded as evidence of the true location of said road.

A surveyor to be appointed, &c.

C H A P. LX.

An ACT for the benefit of John Shewman, of Washington county.

Passed 3d of Jan. 1800.

Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 309.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that a negro man named Aleck, the property of a certain John Shewman, of Washington county, was, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, committed to the goal of Washington county, (on suspicion of having committed a rape.) that he made his escape therefrom, was retaken, and at the January term, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, was indicted for the said supposed offence, tried and acquitted, but died within two days after his trial, in consequence of having been frostbitten during his escape; and as it is reasonable and proper that the said John Shewman should receive some compensation for the loss of his said slave,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Washington county shall be and they are hereby empowered and directed to assess and levy on the assessable property of Washington county such sum of money, not exceeding two hundred dollars, as the said justices, in their judgment may suppose the said slave to have been worth, to be collected in the manner that other county charges are collected, and when collected, to cause the same to be paid to the said John Shewman, his executors, administrators or assigns, as the case may require.

Money to be levied, &c.

C H A P. LXI.

An ACT for the punishment of horse-stealers, and other offenders.

Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 309.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all and every person and persons who shall hereafter feloniously take or steal any horse, mare, gelding, colt, jack, jenny or mule, within this state, and all aiders, abettors and accessories, either before or after the fact of any such takers

Penalty for stealing horses, &c.