

ROADS.

AN ACT to straighten and amend the several Public Roads in several Counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned.—1790, ch. 32.

WHEREAS, some of the principal market and post-roads in the counties of Cecil, Baltimore, Montgomery, Frederick and Washington, are very indirect, much out of repair, and require considerable improvements, Preamble.

SEC. 2, 3. Authorize the location and opening of certain public roads.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the justices of the said several counties of Cecil, Montgomery, Frederick and Washington, in their respective courts sitting, (except Baltimore county court,) to be held next after the first day of March next, and thereafter in the last court of the year annually, shall levy a sum of money not exceeding the sum of three shillings and nine-pence current money on every hundred pounds worth of assessable property in each of the said counties, except in Montgomery county, and the justices of Montgomery county shall levy a sum of money not exceeding two shillings current money on every hundred pounds worth of assessable property in said county, to be collected in the same manner, at the same times, and by the same persons, as other county taxes are collected, and shall be paid quarter-yearly into the hands of supervisors, to be appointed in manner herein after mentioned; *Provided*, that no property in Frederick county subject to be taxed for the purpose of repairing the streets and alleys in Fredericktown, shall be subject to be taxed under this law, further than a sum which, being added to the tax aforesaid, will amount in the whole to the sum of three shillings and nine-pence current money. Justices to levy money, &c.

The power of assessment is vested in the county commissioners.

SEC. 5. See note to second and third sections.

SEC. 6. As to filling up the Board of Commissioners to locate the roads.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the moneys to be levied in virtue of this law in any of the aforesaid counties wherein there are two or more roads, shall, upon a due estimate thereof at the time of making the levy, be appropriated in equitable proportions by the justices of the courts respectively to the aforesaid several roads, and it shall be the duty of each and every of the supervisors aforesaid, to apply the same accordingly, and to render separate and distinct accounts upon oath, of the expenses of each and every road, as vouchers to their respective accounts current with the said counties. Moneys to be appropriated, &c.

SEC. 8. As to the mode of compensation for the land condemned for the particular roads authorized to be located under this law.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall presume to alter or change, or in any manner obstruct or encroach on, any of the said roads, or on any part or parts thereof, or to cut down or destroy, deface or injure, any of the Penalty on altering any road, &c.