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That from and after the passage of this law, the public roads in Saint Mary's county, shall be kept in repair in pursuance of the provisions of the act entitled, An act relating to the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and one; and the said law is hereby declared to be in full force and operation as to the said county. And the levy court of the said county are hereby directed to meet as soon after the passage of this law as practicable, to carry its provisions into operation.

Levy court may levy if necessary.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That whenever the levy court shall be of opinion, that any part of the public roads in the said county, cannot be sufficiently repaired in the manner prescribed by the said act, without great oppression to the inhabitants residing within the limits attached to the said road, that then and in such case it shall be lawful for the said levy court, to levy on the assessable property of the said county, such sum, not exceeding one hundred dollars, as they shall deem it expedient to contribute toward the repairing such road.

CHAPTER 3.

Passed Dec. 10 1821.

Preamble.

An act for the relief of Amos Chapman and Joseph Chapman of the city of Baltimore.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly, by the petition of Amos Chapman and Joseph Chapman, of the city of Baltimore, that they are at present confined in Baltimore county jail, for debts which they are unable to pay, and that they are debarred from the privilege of the insolvent laws of the state, by reason of the unfavorable report of the commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city and county of Baltimore, upon their petitions heretofore made before them; and the said Amos and Joseph being desirous of again appearing before the said commissioners notwithstanding such unfavorable report, and it being deemed unreasonable that they should remain in imprisonment, if they shall be able to satisfy the said commissioners that they have fairly surrendered up all the property they are or have been possessed of: therefore,

May prosecute petitions, &c.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED, *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Amos Chapman and Joseph Chapman, be and they are hereby authorised to prosecute petitions for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state, before the commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city and county of Baltimore, notwithstanding the unfavorable reports heretofore made upon their former petitions against them; *Provided always,* That the said Amos Chapman and Joseph Chapman, shall make it appear to the satisfaction of the said commissioners, that they do not at present retain any property or estate of any nature or kind whatsoever, except what is allowed by the insolvent laws of this state; and that they do not retain to themselves or to their families, any kind of beneficial or profitable interest in any property or estate whatsoever (except such as is above excepted) heretofore belonging to them, or either of them, but have fairly and bonafide surrendered up all property formerly belonging to them, for the benefit of their creditors as by the laws of this state, they should and ought to have done; *And provided,* That in all other respects they comply with the requisites and conditions of the insolvent laws of this state.

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