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XIX.

divisional line between the said counties crosses the North-West Fork branch of Nanticoke river, where a bridge was formerly erected, but that the said bridge has been lately destroyed, and the land to which the said bridge was joined is now so washed away so that it would be inconvenient to fix another bridge in the same spot, and that a bridge is now erected at the expence of several individuals, about nineteen and a half perches below the place where the old bridge stood, which new erected bridge is in Dorchester county; and it is the wish of the inhabitants of said counties that the same be received, and a road opened and made good at the expence of Caroline county, leading across the new bridge, and the said road, when opened, be received and taken as the divisional line between the said counties, and that the said bridge be hereafter repaired and kept up at the joint expence of the said counties; therefore,

Commissioners appointed,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John Smoot, Eccleston Brown, Thomas Nicols, of Dorchester county, and James Summers and Edward Wright, senior, of Caroline county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to open and lay out a road, leaving the old road leading from Hunting creek church to the North-West Fork of Nanticoke river not more than one hundred and fifty yards from the place where the old bridge formerly stood, the said new road to run down the said Fork as near the same as the situation of the place will admit of (in the discretion of the commissioners aforesaid) until it intersects the present road in the direction of the said new bridge, then across the said bridge in or near the same direction until it intersects the road leading from the place of the old bridge to Cannon's ferry on Nanticoke river.

Justices to levy money,
&c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of the peace of Dorchester and Caroline counties, at their next respective levy courts of said counties, and thereafter annually, shall levy equally on said counties such sum or sums of money, together with the sheriff's commission of six *per cent.* for collecting the same, on all assessable property in said counties, as shall be found sufficient to keep in good repair and order the said bridge, and road leading over the same; which money, so levied, shall be collected in the same manner, at the same times, and by the same persons, as other county charges and taxes are collected, and shall be paid into the hands of the commissioners aforesaid, or any of them, by the persons so collecting the same, and which money, when so received by the commissioners aforesaid, shall be applied in the manner as intended and directed by this act.

A road to be laid out, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall, within three months after the passage of this act, open and lay out the said road, of reasonable width, which road, when opened and laid out as aforesaid, shall be thereafter deemed and taken to be the public road, and the division of the counties aforesaid, and shall be kept in repair as aforesaid.

How vacancies are to be filled.

V. *And be it enacted,* That in case of death, resignation, disqualification or refusal to act, of any of the commissioners aforesaid, when such vacancy shall happen the remaining commissioners shall have power, and they are hereby directed, to fill up such vacancies, so that, upon filling up the vacancy or vacancies, there shall be the aforesaid number of commissioners from each county respectively as intended by this act; and such remaining commissioners shall meet at the bridge aforesaid within fifteen days after such vacancy or vacancies shall happen, and fill up said vacancy or vacancies, and such re-appointment shall and may be as often as occasion may require, until the road shall be open and laid out, and made fully complete, as is hereby directed.

Inhabitants to enjoy rights,
&c.

VI. *And be it enacted,* That the inhabitants of that part of Dorchester county, which by this act is taken away from said county and added to Caroline county, shall have, hold and enjoy, all such rights and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of Caroline county aforesaid.

Part of an act repealed.

VII. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the passage of this act, so much of the law, entitled, An act for the division of Dorchester and Queen-Anne's counties,