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ascertain and determine the direction and position of the nearest, most convenient and practicable road, that could be laid off between the said places, and report the same, with a plot thereof, to the next general assembly: And whereas the said commissioners have undertaken and completed the same, and returned a plot of the said road, and this general assembly being of opinion that the opening and clearing the said road, agreeably to said plot by them returned, will conduce to the benefit and advantage of the public,

Commission-
ers appointed,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas Duckett, Levi Gantt and Jacob Duckett, of Prince-George's county, and William Harwood, Leonard Sellman and James Williams, of Anne-Arundel county, be and are hereby appointed commissioners of said road, and that they, or any four of them, are hereby authorized to open and clear, at least forty feet wide, the said road; and the said road, so opened and cleared, shall be recorded among the records of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties respectively, and shall be for ever deemed a public road, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads are.

Their allow-
ance.

III. *And be it enacted,* That each of the commissioners herein appointed shall be allowed two dollars for every day he shall attend in discharge of the duties herein imposed.

Assent of par-
ties to be had,
&c.

IV. *And,* whereas the opening the said road may cause damage to the owners of the lands through which the said road may pass, and their consent has not yet been obtained: And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that the making a causeway on the west side of the Eastern Branch, without which the said road would be useless, would be very expensive to Prince-George's county, but that it is expected the said causeway will be made at the private expence of individuals, *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said commissioners shall not proceed in opening said road until the assent of all the parties through whose land the new part of the road is to be made be first had and obtained by said commissioners, under the hands of the owners of said land, nor until a good and sufficient causeway be first made over the low ground adjoining the Eastern Branch, and on the western side thereof.

When obtain-
ed, money to
be levied, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That as soon as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall obtain the assent in writing of all the owners of the land through which the new part of said road may pass, and shall certify to the levy courts of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties the assent of such owners, and shall also certify to the said courts that the causeway so as aforesaid to be made is in good, perfect and lasting order, that then the justices of the levy courts of Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel counties respectively, at their next levy court, shall levy upon the assessable property of the inhabitants of each county a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the purpose of defraying the expences of clearing the aforesaid road; and the said sum, when collected, shall be paid to the person or persons employed to carry this act into effect, who shall account for the expenditure of the same to the levy courts of the said counties.

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Passed Janua-
ry 20.

An ACT for erecting a bridge over the Eastern Branch, or Annapostia river.

B. Stoddert,
&c. to open
books, &c.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Benjamin Stoddert, Thomas Law and John Templeman, or any two of them, be authorized to open books for receiving and entering subscriptions for erecting a bridge over such part of the Eastern Branch as they, or a majority of them, shall judge most convenient and beneficial to the public, and shall receive subscriptions to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, for the completion of said bridge, and such causeways as may be deemed by them necessary for making a sufficient road to or from the said bridge, which subscriptions shall be made in shares of one hundred dollars each; and whenever the said twenty thousand dol-
lars,