

29. *And be it enacted,* That the levy court of Worcester county shall have all the power and authority of granting private roads, that by law is now vested in the county courts, provided the notice is given as required for public roads, and that there may be an appeal from the decision of the levy court to the county court; and when a plot of any road or roads, so laid out, shall be returned to, and confirmed by, the levy court aforesaid, the same shall be transmitted to the county court of said county, and there recorded among the land records of said county.

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Levy court empowered to grant private

30. *And be it enacted,* That instead of keeping up the said roads in Worcester county as provided for by this act, it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the levy court of said county, in their discretion, to keep in repair the said roads, according to the provisions aforesaid, or under the provisions herein after contained, either as respects the whole of the roads in said county, or any part thereof.

Roads—how to be kept in repair

31. *And be it enacted.* That the justices of the levy court of said county shall meet at Snow-Hill on the first Monday of April next, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, and in like manner every year thereafter, and when so met shall lay off the said roads into as many divisions as they may see proper, and shall then appoint a day or days when they or any four or more of their body, shall meet at Snow-Hill, or any other place or places in said county, and contract with any person or persons for keeping up any particular division of said roads for the lowest sum.

—to be laid off into divisions.

32. *And be it enacted,* That the said roads shall be let out in a public manner to the lowest bidder, and before any road is let out under this law, the justices of the levy court shall give at least three weeks public notice thereof, by advertisement to be set up in the neighbourhood of the roads to be let out, of the time and place of doing the same.

—may be let out.

33. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of the levy court of said county may contract with any person or persons for keeping any particular division of said roads, for a period of time not shorter than one year, or longer than three years.

Contracts for divisions of roads.

34. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of the levy court letting out any road, shall take a recognizance in the penalty of two hundred dollars to the state of Maryland, from the person or persons who may bid off any particular division of said roads, with one or more sufficient securities, conditioned that the same shall be discharged upon the party or parties who are the principals therein keeping the road contracted for in proper order, together with all bridges and foot ways across water, where the same may be necessary.

Recognizance to be taken.

35. *And be it enacted,* That any recognizance taken under this act, shall be lodged with the clerk of Worcester county, within ten days after taking the same, to be by him recorded in his office, and at any time when the levy court of said county, or any member thereof, shall know or be informed, of any neglect of duty of any person or persons, the principals in a recognizance taken by virtue of this act, it shall be the duty of the said levy court, or the member thereof receiving the information as aforesaid, to cause a *scire facias* to issue out of the county court of said county, upon said recognizance, against the principal and securities named there-

To be lodged with clerk of county