Public Local Law.

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1910, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

ENTITLED AN ACT to add 13 Sections to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws title "Kent County," sub-title "Roads," to follow Section 167 of said Article 15 to be known as Sections 167A, 167B, 167C, 167D, 167E, 167F, 167G, 167H, 167I, 167J, 168K, 167L and 167M, and to repeal all other laws or parts or sections of all other laws so far and no further as the same may conflict or be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That thirteen additional Sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Kent County," sub-title "Roads," said additional sections to come in immediately after Section 167 of said Article 15 and to be known as Sections 167A, 167B, 167C, 167D, 167E, 166F, 167G, 167H, 167I, 167J, 467K, 167L and 167M, and to read as follows:

167A The County Commissioners of Kent County are authorized and empowered to control and regulate the public roads and bridges in said county, subject to the provisions of this Act.

167B, The County Commissioners of Kent County shall, at the time of making their annual levy, levy upon the taxable property of said County a tax of not less than twenty cents on the hundred dollars, which shall be used for the repair and reconstruction of public roads and bridges in said County, which taxes shall be levied and collected as are other county taxes. The said County Commissioners may appropriate or levy such other sum or sums of money as they may deem requisite for building of new bridges and opening new Roads, and for repairing and reconstructing public roads and bridges in said County. All of the taxes levied and collected under the provisions of this Section shall be disbursed by said the County Commissioners upon the Roads and Bridges in said County and in the manner hereinafter provided, and in no other.

167C. The Governor of Maryland shall within forty days after this Act becomes operative, as hereinafter provided for, appoint some competent person who shall have a sufficient knowledge of civil engineering to enable him to accurately make surveys, plats, profiles and specifications of or the grading, draining, maintenance, repairs and reconstruction of the Public Roads of said County, and also to do the necessary engineering work for the building or rebuilding of bridges County Road Engineer for Kent Coenty for the term of six years at a salary of sixteen hundred dollars a year, payable monthly; and the said County Road Engineer shall hold his office and be paid for his services from the day he enters upon his duties unless removed for cause, as hereinafter provided; and the said Governor shall make such appointments without any reference whatever to the political opinions of the person so appointed.

167D. The said County Road Engineer shall not be liable to removal from office during his term for any reason other than incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office, and then upon the sworn complaint of ten or more resident taxpayers of Kent County, to be filed with the Governor, and every such complaint shall state specifically the nature and character of the charge preferred, and of which due notice shall be given the said County Road Engineer, and if the Governor after hearing said charges, at which the Engineer and the parties making the complaint shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and to produce any competent testimony, shall find that said County Road Engineer is incompetent or has been guilty of neglect of duty, or misconduct in office, it shall be his duty to immediately remove said County Road Engineer from office; in which case the said Road Engineer shall not be entitled to receive any salary from the date of the order of his removal from office.

167E. The County Road Engineer shall reside in Kent County during the term of his office, and shall have entire charge, control and supervision of the working, repairing and reconstructing of the public roads and bridges of Kent county and the purchase of the material therefor, and shall make all specifications for the building of new Roads and Bridges, and shall see that no obstruction, hindrance or injury is or shall be permitted upon any road or bridge under his supervision as aforesaid. He shall employ such help, teams and implements and contract for and purchase such material, as he may deem necessary for the working, repairing and reconstructing said roads and bridges, to be paid by the County Commissioners, provided that he shall not employ any laborer to be paid a greater amount than one and one-half dollars ($1.50) per day, without first obtaining the written consent of the County Commissioners for each person so employed. He shall have charge and control of all teams, carts, wagons and other machinery and implements, which may be purchased by the County Commissioners for the use of said Roads. He shall not work out or expend on the roads and bridges of said County a greater amount in any one fiscal year than the amount levied by the County Commissioners for the purpose without obtaining the permission in writing of said Commissioners. He shall appear before the Commissioners at their first meeting in each and every month, and make a statement to them of the work done, materials furnished and money expended. He shall examine and certify to the correctness of all bills and accounts for any work done or material furnished on any of the public roads or bridges in Kent County before the same shall be paid by the County Commissioners; and said County Commissioners shall make no payments until such accounts have been certified by said Road Engineer. He shall make out annually, in writing a detailed report to the Commissioners of all work done on the County Roads and Bridges for the year, together with the names of all persons working on said roads and bridges or furnishing material, and the amount to which each person is entitled for such work and material and which he has certified as correct which report shall be made on or before the 15th day of June for the year ending on the thirty-first day of the preceding May, and in making of said report shall be allowed the services of a stenographer and typewriter, to be paid by the County Commissioners a sum not to exceed twenty-five dollars for his services. The said County Road Engineer shall not be interested in any firm or corporation from which anything shall be purchased for the use of said Road and Bridges, nor receive any commissions on said purchase.

167 F. The County Road Engineer may appoint District Road Supervisors, but not more than one Supervisor in any election precinct or district of Kent County, who shall be paid three dollars per day's actual work in supervision when certified to by the said Road Engineer to the County Commissioners, or less if said Engineer, in his discretion, finds he can obtain as good service for less, and certifies to supervisors' bill a less rate, and it shall be the duty of the District Road Supervisor to take charge of and manage the work on the public roads and bridges in the district or precinct for which he is appointed, subject to the control and direction of the County Road Engineer, and he shall perform such other duties as the County Road Engineer may prescribe, and may be removed at any time by the said County Road Engineer.

167 G. Any person appointed under the provisions of this act whose duty it shall be to keep accounts or make reports, who shall fail to do so, or who shall wilfully make false reports or accounts shall be liable to indictment by the Grand Jury of Kent County, and if convicted in the Circuit Court thereof, shall be fined a sum in the discretion of the Court not exceeding three hundred dollars, and shall make good the loss arising from such neglect of duty or fraud.

167 H. Whenever any person or persons shall desire to improve any public road in said County to an extent beyond that contemplated by the County Road Engineer, he or they may make application to the County Commissioners by petition setting forth the location of the Road to be improved, the extent and character of the improvement and the probable cost thereof, and the said County Commissioners shall thereupon order the County Road Engineer to examine the location and purpose set forth in the petition, and if he shall be of the opinion that the public interest will be promoted thereby, he shall report his determination to the County Commissioners, setting forth his reasons for such determination, and estimate of the cost of such improvement, and if the County Commissioners shall approve the report of the said County Road Engineer, they shall direct the expenditure of any amount not to exceed one-half the total of said estimates, to be paid out of the road levy or of other moneys belonging to the county; provided, that the petitioners for such improvements shall first pay into the treasury of the County an amount not less than one-half of said estimate all of said money to be expended under the direction of the County Road Engineer.

167 J. It shall be the duty of the Governor of the State, whenever the office of County Road Engineer of Kent County, shall become vacant by death, resignation or removal from office, to appoint within sixty days from the date of such vacancy some person to fill the same, and in the manner and with the same qualifications as prescribed in Section 167 C of this Act.

167 K. Whenever the County Road Engineer shall find it neccessay to open an outlet or watercourse through private property in Kent County to secure proper drainage of any public road therein, he shall forthwith so inform the County Commissioners of said County, and if the owners of such property consent to the opening of such outlet or watercourse, and if such owners and the said County Commissioners shall agree upon the value and price to be paid for the same, then such consent and agreement shall be entered on the books of the Commissioners, and such outlet or water course shall be opened by the said County Road Engineer, but if the owners and the County Commissioners shall fail to agree, then the said County Commissioners shall have such power and authority to condemn the land for such outlet or water course as is now or hereafter may be conferred by the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland for condemning public highways and shall appoint three examiners to go over such proposed outlet or watercourse for such drainage, who, or a majority of whom, shall estimate the damage to the owner or owners of the land through which said outlet or water course may be opened, and the County Commissioners shall tender to the owner or owners of said land, the amount of damages so estimated or ascertained by said examiners or a majority or them, and so soon as the same is tendered to the owner or owners of said property, the County Road Engineer shall immediately cause such outlet or water course to be opened, said County Road Engineer shall furnish said examiners with a plat showing the proposed location and profile of such outlet or water course, and for the purpose of making such plat and profile the said County Road Engineer is authorized to go upon any private property through which said proposed outlet or water course shall pass and to make whatever survey or surveys that he may deem necessary for such purpose; provided, that any such outlet or water course shall not be opend so as to pass through the buildings, gardens, yard or burial grounds of any person without the consent of the owner in writing.

167L. Any person or corporation placing any obstructions of any kind whatsoever upon the public highways or bridges, roads, lanes, streets, avenues or alleys of Kent County or interfering with or obstructing any of the ditches or drains thereof, or encroaching upon the same with fences or other obstructions or any person or corporation, its agents or employees, exercising the business of a common carrier, permitting his or its vehicles, steam or other engines or cars to obstruct any crossing for more than five minutes for any one time, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to prosecution at the instance of any tax-payer of said County and upon conviction by any Justice of the Peace exercising criminal jurisdiction in Kent County shall be fined in an amount not less than one dollar nor more than twenty-five dollars for each offense. Any person arrested under this Section shall have the right to appeal to the Circuit Court for Kent County for trial and all fines collected under this section shall be paid to the said County Commissioners and by them applied to the General Road Fund of the County.

167 M. The selection of a Road Supervisor by the Road Engineer for political or other unjust reasons or the use of his office in any manner not justified by any provision of this Act or the ordinary rules of good business in employing labor and furnishing material for the County Roads or wilfully recommending for payment by the County Commissioners of extravagant or unjust bills, or in any way to advance the political interest or aspiration of any man, or to wilfully or negligently permit any supervisor or supervisors of a Precinct or District, to so manage or execute the duties of his or their office shall be construed as misconduct in office.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That any law or laws, or parts of any law or laws, heretofore enacted and affecting or pertaining to the County Commissioners, or roads and ditches in said Kent County, be and the same are hereby saved and shall remain in full effect and force, except so far as the same or any of them may be repealed by or may be inconsistent and in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

Section 3. And be it enected, That all laws or sections or parts of all laws conflicting or inconsistent with any provision or provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed so far as the same or any of the same, conflict, or are inconsistent with any provision or provisions of this Act.

Section 4. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1910.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
Governor.
ARTHUR P. GORMAN, JR.,
President of the Senate.
ADAM PEEPLES,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

I Hereby Certify, That the aforegoing is a true copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1910.

MAX WAYS,
Secretary of the Senate.

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Public Local Law.

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1910, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to repeal section four, seven, eight and nine of Chapter 289 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session of 1908, entitled an Act to provide for the franchise of Water Works for the town of Chestertown, in Kent county, Maryland, and to authorize the appointment and election of a Water Board for conducting, carrying on and maintaining same, and to issue bonds to pay therefor, and to levy an annual tax for the payment of such bonds and interest thereon; and to reenact sections seven, eight and nine with amendments and to add four new sections thereto to be designated as Sections ten, eleven, twelve and thirteen.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that Sections four, seven, eight and nine of Chapter 289 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session of 1908, be and the same are hereby repealed, and to reenact Sections seven, eight and nine with amendments, and to add four new Sections thereto to be designated as Sections ten, eleven, twelve and thirteen, to read as follows:—

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That after the purchase of the property of the Chestertown Water Company by the Commissioners, the said Commissioners of Chestertown shall appoint a Water Board consisting of three persons, each of whom shall have the same qualifications as those required of a Commissioner of Chestertown, who shall hold office until the fourth Monday in April, 1909, at which time the duly qualified voters of Chestertown, entitled to vote for the Commissioners thereof, shall be entitled to vote for a Water Board which shall consist of three persons, with the qualification above named, and who shall hold office for three years, and which said Water Board shall in like manner be elected at the expiration of each three (3) years thereafter at the regular election of a Commissioner of Chestertown, and who shall qualify in the same manner as do the Commissioners of Chestertown, and said Water Board shall hold public meetings in January and July of each year; and shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Any vacancy in said Water Board created by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Commissioners of Chestertown.

Sec. 8. And be it enacted. That the said Water Board shall have charge of the said Water Works so purchased and shall operate same with authority to employ and pay such Superintendent, Engineers, workmen, laborers and employees as may be necessary to carry on and maintain the same and supply said town and the inhabitants thereof with water, and shall have the authority to purchase said material and supplies necessary to operate same, and to make repairs and additions thereto as necessity may require for five protection and domestic use; and to fix, charge and collect water rates or water rents for the use of said water, and to adopt and provide rules and regulations therefor, and for the proper protection of said water works and water supply, and that each member of said Water Board, shall, before he enters upon the discharge of the duties of his office, give bond in the penalty of one thousand dollars.

Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That the said Water Board shall select one of their members to be its Treasurer, who shall monthly collect from the Superintendent all water rents and income and pay all bills of expenses for the running and maintenance of said Water Works upon the order of the President, and semi-annually, in January and July prepare and file with the Water Board a full itemized account of receipts and disbursements, including a full list of names of all persons who have failed to pay water rents, and that the said Treasurer shall give bond in the penalty of Five Thousands dollars for the faithful performance of his duties.

Sec. 10. And be it enacted, That the Superintendent shall collect all water rents and revenues due to said Water Board and make monthly payments thereof to the Treasurer, and shall file with the said Treasurer in July and January of each year an itemized statement showing all uncollected rents and the names of the persons from whom they are due; and the said Superintendent shall give a Bond in the penalty of Two Thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties.

Sec. 11. And be it enacted, That the said Water Board shall in the month of January in each and every year prepare a full itemized statement and account of the income and disbursements of the previous year and shall have the same fully vouched and audited by a committee, which it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of Chestertown to appoint, no member of which shall be a member of either the Water Board or one of the Town Commissioners, and shall publish the same not later than February 15th of each year, in at least two newspapers published in Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland.

Sec. 12. And be it enacted, That after repairs, maintainance and running expenses are paid out of the water rents from said Water Works, all surplus revenue from said Water Works, accrueing from year to year, shall constitute a sinking fund, which said Water Board is hereby directed to create and maintain for the payment of interest and for redemption of said Water Bonds when redeemable and any excess thereof shall be expended under the direction of said Water Board, for any extraordinary expenses in maintaining and improving said Water Works; and said Water Board shall on or before the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December in each and every year, pay to the Commissioners of Chestertown out of said sinking fund, a sum sufficient to pay the semi-annual interest on said bonds; and on the 30th day of June of each year, an additional sum for the redemption of the one thirtieth part of the principal of said bonded debt, as the same shall mature, so that the semi-annual interest and the whole of said bonds may be provided for and paid in the time herein before limited, and the sums of money so received by the Commissioners of Chestertown shall be applied to the payment of the interest on said bonds and to the redemption of said bonds when redeemable. And should said water rents or revenues be insufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and the one thirteenth part of the bonded debt as it matures, the said Commissioners of Chestertown are hereby authorized and directed to levy and collect annually a tax upon the taxable property in Chestertown for a sum, as will, with the net water rents or revenues, from Water Works, provided for the payment of the interest on said bonds as same matures and one-thirteenth part of the principal of said bonded debt.

Sec. 13 And be it enacted, That all bonds provided for in this act, shall be given to the State of Maryland, with security to be approved by at least two Judges of the Orphans Court of Kent county, Maryland, with the condition that the obligator shall and faithfully execute the duties of the office to which he may be elected or appointed, and at the expiration of the term, or any subsequent term, to which he may be elected, shall turn over to said Water Board or his successor, all the property money, books and papers belonging to said Water Board, and everything else pertaining to the office. The bonds provided in this act shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, and be recorded by him, and the expense of recording them, together with the premiums paid security companies to obtain them, shall be paid out of the funds or revenues of said Water Board.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11th, 1910.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
Governor.
ARTHUR P. GORMAN, JR.,
President of the Senate.
ADAM PEEPLES,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

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MAX WAYS,
Secretary of the Senate.

Public Local Law.

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1910, and operative in Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 199 of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Kent County," sub title "Sheriff," as repealed and re-enacted by Chapter 288 of the Acts of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety, so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted, That Section 199 of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of of Maryland, title "Kent County," sub-title "Sheriff" as repealed and re-enacted by Chapter 288 of the acts of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety, be repealed and re enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Section 199. The Sheriff of Kent county shall be entitled to receive a sum not exceeding fifty cents ($0.50) a day, for boarding and keeping each prisoner committed to his custody, and the said Sheriff is hereby required to keep a Book at the Jail, which he shall procure for the purpose, in which he shall record the name of each prisoner committed to his custody, and by that authority, the time when received, and the offence charged, and also the date of his discharge, which book shall be open to the inspection of the County Commissioners, State's Attorney and Grand Jury; and should the Sheriff neglect to keep said book, or to comply with any of the duties which he is hereby required to perform, he shall be liable to indictment in the Circuit Court for Kent County, and upon conviction, shall be fined, not exceeding one hundred dollars (100.00).

Section 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7th, 1910.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
Governor.
ARTHUR P. GORMAN, Jr.,
President of the Senate.
ADAM PEEPLES
Speaker of the House of Delegates

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MAX WAYS,
Secretary of the Senate.

Public Local Law.

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1910, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to repeal Section 1 Chapter 501 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1908 and to re-enact Section 2 Chapter 168 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1904.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful to shoot or trap foxes in Kent County for the purpose of selling or bartering.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1910.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
Governor.
ADAM PEEPLES,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
ARTHUR P. GORMAN, JR.,
President of the Senate.

Office of the Chief Clerk of the House:

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A. J. ALMONEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

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Public Local Law.

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1910, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to authorize the Commissioners of Betterton, to borrow money and to issue bonds for the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for the purpose of providing for and improving sidewalks and streets in the town of Betterton in Kent County, and to appoint a special commission to act and co-operate with the Commissioners of Betterton for the purposes mentioned; provided, that before said loan has been contracted and such bonds issued the majority of the voters of the tax-payers of said town of Betterton shall assent thereto.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Commissioners of Betterton be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds in the name of the Commissioners of Betterton to an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) in sums not less than fifty dollars ($50.00) to be signed by the Commissioners of Betterton under the corporate seal of the said Commissioners to be designated as Betterton Street Bonds, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of July and the first day of January of each year, which bonds shall be exempt from all county and municipal taxation, and the due or overdue coupons for interest shall be received by the Commissioners of Betterton in payment of town taxes, said bonds shall be payable in sums of two hundred dollars ($200.00) in each of the years beginning with the tenth of July, 1911, and each year thereafter until fully paid, said bonds to be numbered consecutively, and to be redeemed in the order in which they are numbered.

SECTION 2. And be it enacted that the Commissioners of Betterton are hereby authorized and empowered to do all things necessary for the issuing of such bonds, there offering for sale under the most advantageous conditions, the providing by levy and taxation for a sinking fund for the purposes of meeting the interest on said bonds and their payment upon maturity, and all other things that may be necessary and proper in the procuring of the loan, and the issuance and payment of said bonds.

Section 3. And be it enacted, That George W. Mann, William A. Crew, Horace F. Brice, Author P. Emerson, William B. Price and James T. Crew are hereby nominated and appointed a special commission to act and co operate with the commissioners of Betterton in the use and expenditure of the fund received from said bond issue for the purpose of providing for and improving the sidewalks and streets of Betterton and the said special commission and the Commissioners of Betterton are directed to have the street lines where improvements are contemplated laid down and established by a competent surveyor or engineer and to provide for grades for concrete or cement walks under the advice of such surveyor or engineer, and the Commissioners of Betterton are hereby authorized to fill any vacancy in said special Commission.

Section 4. And be it enacted, That at a special election to be called by the Commissioners of Betterton at such time as they think proper, but not later than the next regular election for Commissioners of Betterton, which said election shall in all particulars not herein provided for, be held under the supervision and direction of the Commissioners of Betterton, there shall be submitted to the qualified taxpaying voters of Betterton, the question whether the said money shall be borrowed and said bonds issued and at such special election the ballots cast upon that question shall have the words, "For Street Tax, or against Street Tax," thereon, and if a majority of the voters cast upon the question shall be For Street Tax, then the Commissioners of Betterton or a majority of them shall proceed to execute the power vested in them by this Act, but if the majority of votes shall be against Street Tax, then they shall not execute such power and this Act shall be of no effect.

Section 5. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Aproved April 8, 1910.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
Governor,
ADAM PEEPLES,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
ARTHUR P. GORMAN, Jr.,
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Office of the Chief Clerk of the House:

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A J. ALMONEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

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Public Local Law.

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1910, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kent county, Maryland, to copy the General Index for Deeds and Mortgages, and to arrange said index under a different system into a new and substantial book from the year 1842 to 1884, inclusive; to make a general index for Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale from the year 1890 to 1910, inclusive; to make a general index for Magistrate Judgments from the year 1890 to 1910, inclusive; to make a general index for Marriage Licenses from the year 1790 to 1886, inclusive; and to make a general index for all Equity proceedings.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County, be and he is authorized and directed to copy the General Index for Deeds and Mortgages and to arrange said index under a different system into a new book from the year 1842 to 1884, inclusive; and to make a general index for Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale from the year 1890 to 1910, inclusive; and to make a general index for Magistrate Judgments from the year 1890 to 1910, inclusive; and to make a general index for Marriage Licenses from the year 1790 to 1886, inclusive; and to make a general index for all Equity proceedings, and to index each party to said proceedings.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland, are required to levy on the assessable property of said county, a sum sufficient to pay said clerk as follows: one cent for each ten words or figures recopied and five cents for each name indexed under the foregoing section, and also the costs of the necessary Record Books to complete said recopying and indexing.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7th, 1910.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
Governor.
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President of the Senate.
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MAX WAYS,
Secretary of the Senate.

SCHLEY RUSSELL,

RECORD 2.18½.

Taken in third heat of winning race. Timed separately in a race in 2.09½.

His record is no measure of his speed. He has on several occasions shown two-minute speed or better.

Schley Russell is 17 hands high, a blood bay, with full mane and tail and weighs about 1300 lbs. His colts are large and well-formed, and those old enough to drive show considerable speed.

Schley Russell is a son of Victor Russell, 2.29, sire of Marydel, 2.12½; Schley Russell, 2.18½; Lady May, 2.15½; Leon Russell, 2.14¼; etc. Victor Russell is a son of Happy Russell, sire of 37 performers in standard time.

Schley Russell's dam was by Corsican, a son of Orange Blossom.

Schley Russell, 2.18½, will make the season in Kent and Queen Annes counties at $10.00 for the season, and $20.00 to insure.

ALBERT STORY, Owner,
Mar. 12-2m. Chestertown, Md.

Public Local Law.

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1910, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Commissioners of Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland, to borrow money on the credit of said town for the purpose of supplementing, enlarging, increasing and adding to the water works and system now belonging to and operated by the said town, and to issue bonds for the payment of the same, and to levy on the assessable property of the said town to redeem said bonds and to pay the interest on the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That for the purpose of surplementing, enlarging, increasing and adding to the water works and system now belonging to and operated by the town of Chestertown, the Commissioners of Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered and directed to borrow money on the credit of the town of Chestertown, to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars ($10,000), and to issue coupon bonds on said town in payment of said sum, and the interest to accrue; provided, however, that the question of the issue of the said bonds shall be submitted to the voters of of said town qualified to vote for the Commissioners of Chestertown, at the election to be held in said town as hereinafter provided. The said bonds shall be issued in the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) each; shall have coupons attached for the interest thereon, payable semi-annually at the rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum; the bonds shall be signed by the Commissioners of Chestertown with the corporate seal of the said Commissioners affixed and shall be registered by the Clerk of said Commissioners in a book kept for that purpose. The coupons attached to said bonds shall be signed by the Clerk of said Commissioners. Said bonds shall be issued at such time as the Commissioners aforesaid shall determine, subject to the provisions of this Act; provided that the date of issue shall not be more than sixty days after the date of the election held, as hereinafter provided. The bonds shall be designated as Chestertown Water Bonds, "Second Series," and numbered consecutively, and shall be payable in sums of five hundred dollars in each of the years, beginning with the tenth day of July, 1915, and one bond shall be paid each year thereafter until fully paid; but said bonds shall be redeemable, however, at the option of said Commissioners after ten years from the date of this issue. They shall be exempt from municipal and county taxation, and shall have printed on them a reference to the Act of Assembly authorizing their issue. The said Commissioners are directed to advertise at least once a week for three successive weeks in three newspapers published in Kent county for sealed proposals for the negotiation of said bonds, on a certain day to be named in said advertisement; they shall, in the presence of such persons as may be interested in said bids, open all bids received, and award the bonds to the highest bidders; provided, no bid less than par shall be accepted.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That at the next regular election for a Commissioner of Chestertown there shall be submitted to the voters qualified to vote at said election for Commissioners of Chestertown, the question whether the said bonds shall be issued, and at such election the ballots cast upon the question shall have printed or written thereon the words, "For the Bond Issue" or "Against the Bond Issue"; and if the majority of the votes cast upon said question shall be "For the Bond Issue," then the Commissioners of Chestertown, or a majority of them, shall proceed to execute the power vested in them by this Act and shall issue the bonds as herein provided; but if the majority of votes cast shall be "Against the Bond Issue," then this Act shall be null and void.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if the result of said election shall be in favor of said bond issue, then all the proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be turned over to the Water Board of said town holding office under the provisions of Chapter 289, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at the January Session, 1908. The said Water Board shall receive said money and deposit same in some bank in Chestertown to be designated by said Water Board, and shall disburse the same on the order of said Water Board by check, to be signed by the president and treasurer thereof, in supplementing enlarging, increasing and adding to the water works system, in strict accordance with the recommendations of a committee of citizens of Chestertown made to said Water Board and by said board approved and adopted on the 16th day February, 1910, and now filed in the office of the Commissioners of Chestertown.

SEC. 4. *And be itenacted*, That after repairs, maintenance and running expenses are paid out of the water rents from said waterworks, all surplus from said waterworks accruing from year to year shall constitute a sinking fund, which said Water Board is hereby directed to create and maintain for the payment of interest and for redemption of said water bonds when redeemable and any excess thereof shall be expended under the direction of said Water Board for any extraordinary expenses in maintaining and improving said waterworks, and said Water Board shall on or before the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December in each and every year pay to the Commissioners of Chestertown out of said sinking fund a sum sufficient to pay the semi-annual interest on said bonds; and on the 30th day of June of each year an additional sum for the redemption of the one-twentieth part of the principal of said bonded debt, as the same shall mature, so that the semi-annual interest and the whole of said bonds may be provided for and paid in the time hereinbefore limited and the sum of money so received by the Commissioners of Chestertown shall be applied to the payment of the interest on said bonds when redeemable. And, should said water rents or revenues be insufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and the one-twentieth part of the bonded debt as it matures, the said Commissioners of Chestertown are hereby authorized and directed to levy and collect annually a tax upon the taxable property in Chestertown for a sum as will, with the net water rents and revenues from from the waterworks provide for the payment of the interest on said bonds as same matures and one-twentieth part of the principal of said bonded debt.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7th, 1910.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
Governor.
ARTHUR P. GORMAN, Jr.,
President of the Senate.
ADAM PEEPLES,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

I Hereby Certify, That the aforegoing is a true copy of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1910.

MAX WAYS,
Secretary of the Senate.

Public Local Law.

Passed by the Maryland Legislature, Session of 1910, and Operative in Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to add one new Section to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws entitled "Kent County, sub-title "County Treasurer" as enacted by the Act of Assembly of 1906, Chapter 114, to follow after Section 227, and to be designated as Section 228, regulating the deposit of money in the hands of the "County Treasurer" of "Kent County" in the State and National Banks of Chestertown.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That one new section be added to Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws entitled "Kent County" sub title "County Treasurer" as enacted by the Act of Assembly of 1906, Chapter 114, to follow after Section 227, as enacted by the said Act, and to be designated as Section 228, and to read as follows: 228, The County Treasurer of Kent county shall from time to time deposit and keep in equal proportions in the Second National Bank, the Kent County Savings Bank and the Chestertown Bank of Maryland, all at Chestertown, all the money received by him in his official capacity, or remaining on hand and undistributed, so that the liability therefor shall at all times be equally distributed among said banks.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provision of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 3. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8th, 1910.

AUSTIN L. CROTHERS,
Governor.
ARTHUR P. GORMAN, Jr.,
President of the Senate.
ADAM PEEPLES,
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

I Hereby Certify, That the aforegoing is a true copy of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January Session, 1910.

A. J. ALMONEY,
Chief Clerk of the House.

Exaggerated Cruelty.

A well known gentleman took horse exercise daily, accompanied by a magnificent bloodhound, until he conceived an enthusiasm for cycling, when he altered the program by leaving the bloodhound at home and taking as his companion a fine dachshund.

The pair were passing through a village recently when a laboring youth remarked to his "pal:"

"If Oi wor proime minister Oi'd put a stop ter this 'ere bicyclin' business."

"Why?" queried the other.

"Cos it owt ter be stopped, if only for th' sake o' that dog as is a-puffin' along behind theer," rejoined the first speaker. "It ain't sport; it's cruelty to hanimals."

His companion disagreed and said he thought the dog benefited by the exercise.

"Exercise!" retorted the other scornfully. "D'ye call that exercise? You never saw that dog afore 'is master started bikin', did yer?"

"No, I didn't."

"Well," said the youth, "'e wor one o' th' finest bloodhounds you iver clapped heyes on, an' wot's 'e now? 'Is body's dwindled away to nowt, while 'is legs is worn clean darn to th' stumps. Oi repeat, it's cruelty ter hanimals."—London Bystander.

Got His Money's Worth.

A lady palmist was recently prosecuted, and an amusing incident was noted in connection with the case. One of the witnesses called by the police was an individual who did not appear to be overburdened with intelligence. During a smart cross examination defendant's counsel asked him:

"On first going into the room did you pay a shilling fee to the defendant?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"What did she tell you in return for the money?"

"Oh," said the witness, "she towld me lots o' things, some on 'em true, some on 'em half true an' some on 'em less."

"Now," continued the counsel after the laughter had died away, "this is the point I wish to get at: Was there any attempt at imposition? Did you lady impose upon you at all?"

"Oh, dear, no!" was the response. "I knowed it wor all gammon, so there couldn't be no imposition. Besides, it wor a bad shillin' as I guv her, to start with!"—London Tit-Bits.

Marriage In Picardy.

A Picardy custom, founded on a broad basis of common sense as well as the idea of complete partnership, is that which puts a new bride through a kind of examination in the trade of her husband. It may, of course, have become something of a burlesque, and the bride may purposely show less dexterity than she need. Still, the consideration of the wife as a helpmate is very clearly shown in the performance. If the young wife's husband be a farmer, she will be asked to harness a horse and cart and to harrow a small piece of land. If her choice has fallen on an ironworker, she must hammer a piece of iron; if on a miller, she must measure out wheat from a basket at the church door; if on a smith, she is supposed to be able to strike the anvil; if on a sailor, she has to clean and mend some netting, and so on with the other occupations. Evidently the keeping of an idle wife is not understood in Picardy.—T. P.'s London Weekly.

Whale and Elephant Meat.

There is something unpleasant about the thought of eating whale meat, but it is said that the reality is very palatable. Japan has quite a trade in canned and salted whale meat, and there is to be a campaign to educate the European peoples to like it. Some whaling companies have distributed from their headquarters samples of canned whale meat, and those who have eaten it describe it as tenderer than beef and much like it in taste.

Whale steak seems no queerer than Frankfort sausage made out of an elephant, which is what some German people have been eating. An enterprising butcher over there, hearing that an unruly elephant in the Ghent zoological gardens was to be killed, engaged the carcass. He made 3,800 pounds of sausage out of it and sold every pound at good prices.

Friends.

"Dear friends," said the philosopher, "are scarce items in this world. They are too few to be counted."

"What d'ye call a friend?" he was asked.

"A friend," he replied, "is one who would lend you money if you wanted it and to whom you would lend money—if you had it."—New York Times.

Mr. Manning's Grudge.

Mrs. Manning—Do you think it is right to let that Greyson fellow keep company with our Martha? Mr. Manning—No, I can't say that it is. Young Greyson is a nice chap, but I've a grudge against his father, and I don't care if the son has to suffer for it.—Exchange.

An Alibi.

Examiner—What is an alibi? Candidate For the Bar—An alibi is committing a crime in one place when you are in another place. If you can be in two other places the alibi is all the stronger in law.—Puck.

Knew Him.

"Yes, I'm anxious to get my daughter off my hands, I'll admit."

"Then why don't you let her marry me?"

"What good would that do?"—Cleveland Leader.

Who would not have feet set on his neck let him not stoop.—Italian Proverb.

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