A. D. 1796.

and passed in the twenty-first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for the preservation of High-Ways," also an Act made and passed in the twenty-fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled C. 8th, repealed. "An Act to explain and amend an Act made and passed in the twentyfirst Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for the preservation of High-Ways,' and every Clause, Matter, and Thing, therein contained, be, and the same is and are hereby repealed.

CAP. VII.

AN ACT for appointing COMMISSIONERS of SEWERS.

B it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That upon each and every Application of any of the Proprietors of any Marsh, low Lands or Meadow, the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, may and is hereby authorised by Commission to appoint such able and discreet Persons, as to him shall seem meet, to be Commissioners of Sewers: In which Commission such Commissioners shall be authorised and empowered to convene and meet together from Time to Time, as Occasion may require, to consult, consider and devise Means and Methods for building, erecting or repairing such Dams, Dykes, and Wares, as are or may be necessary to prevent Inundations, and for the draining or drowning of Marshes, Swamps and other unprofitable Lands, and to employ Labourers and Workmen, for such reasonable Wages as may be agreed on for that purpose, and to tax and assess all such Persons from Time to Time, as shall or may be Owners of such Marshes, Meadows, Swamps, or unprofitable Lands as aforesaid, for defraying the Expence thereof; having Regard to the Quantity of Land of each Person, and Benefits thereby to be received, as equally as they can, according to their best Judgment; and also to appoint and swear a Collector or Collectors for collecting such Assessments, and paying the same to such Persons as by said Commissioners shall be appointed, with Powers to distrain all such Persons as shall neglect or refuse to make Payment of his, her, or their Proportions assessed as aforesaid, in like Manner as is usually done in other Cases by Distress, and to call before them such Collector or Collectors, to account for his or their Trusts in Regard to the Premises, and likewise to value such Repairs as may have been made to such Dykes and Wares by the Proprietors before the Date of their said Commissions, and to apportion an Assessment for the payment thereof by those who have been, or may be, benefited thereby, in the same Manner as if such Repairs had been made by their own Orders ; which said Commissioners shall be sworn to a faithful Discharge of their Duty, and may receive out of such Assessment a reasonable Compensation for their Trouble, to be allowed by the Governor and Council, to whom such Commissioners shall be accountable.

II. And be it further enacted, That if no Person shall appear to pay the Quota or Proportion of any delinquent Proprietor, in any Assessment made as aforesaid, for the dyking or draining such Lands, and no sufficient Dis-

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