

Who are about to land from the Ship or Vessel called the _____ shall not, in any way become chargeable to any Township or Townships, Settlement or Settlements, in this Province, by reason of Disease, Bodily Infirmity, Age, Childhood or Indigence, nor shall become Paupers or Common Beggars, within one year from the date hereof; then these Presents shall be null and void, otherwise to be and remain in full force.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered, }
in the Presence of }

CAP. LXIX.

An Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

(PASSED THE 16th DAY OF APRIL, 1834.)

WHEREAS the method at present prescribed by Law for laying out new or altering old Roads or Highways in this Province, is found to be tedious, troublesome and expensive.

Preamble

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the President, Council and Assembly,* That hereafter whenever a New Road or Highway within any Town, Township or Place, or from Town to Town, or place to place, in any County or District in this Province, or an alteration of an old one is wanting, the same shall and may be applied for to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for such County or District, by Petition, Signed by at least Twenty Freeholders of such County or District, and the Court to whom such Petition shall be made if fully satisfied of the propriety and necessity thereof, is hereby authorized and required forthwith to order a Precept to be directed to three Persons, resident within such County or District, being Freeholders, not being interested in the business referred to them, directing them within some convenient time to repair to, and view and examine into the propriety and necessity of, such proposed New Road or Highway, or alteration of an old one, as the case may be, and if in their opinion the same shall be proper and necessary then to proceed to lay out and mark off such New Road or Highway, or alteration of an old one, in such way as may be most for the public good, and of the least possible damage to the person or persons through whose Property it may be necessary to run the same, and thereupon having ascertained the extent of such New Road or Highway, or alteration of an Old one, and being made acquainted with the distance the same shall or may run through any Person's Property, the nature of the Soil and Improvements, as also the extent of Fencing necessary to be done, by reason thereof, the said Three Freeholders shall proceed to make a just and equitable valuation and appraisement, according to the circumstances of the case, of the damages to be paid each person through whose land such New Road or Highway, or alteration of an Old one, shall run, specifying particularly and separately what is to be paid to each Proprietor for damage to Soil, for Improvements and for Fencing, and shall make return of their proceedings therein to the Clerk of the Peace for such County or District, at least fifty days before the then next Sittings of the said Court for such County or District, to be filed in his Office, who thereupon shall forthwith post Notices, containing the substance of such return, and continue such Notice, in at least six different places of Public resort in the said County or District, and also near to such New Road or Highway, or alteration of an Old one, for the space of Thirty Days, to the intent, that any person or persons thinking himself or themselves aggrieved or injured thereby, may appear at the then next General Sessions, of the Peace for such County or District to make his exceptions thereto, at which time and place the said Court shall and may proceed to take into consideration the objections made to all or any of such proceedings, and confirm or disallow the same, according to the justice and expediency of the case.

Application for new road or alteration of old one to be made to Court of General Sessions of the Peace

Precept to be issued to three Freeholders

Compensation to owners of Lands through which roads shall pass

II. *And be it further enacted,* That in case any person or persons so objecting to all or any of the proceedings to be had under this Act, for the purpose of laying out new or altering old Roads or Highways, shall be so minded, he or they may appeal from

Appeal allowed