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OF THE

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warrant, no constable of the several towns, or city marshal of the several cities, in the county of York, shall have any authority in criminal matters beyond the limits of the town or city in which he is elected or chosen.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 27, 1897.

Chapter 329.

An Act amendatory of and additional to Chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to the repair of Highways.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Sect. 1. Sections sixty, sixty-three and seventy-three of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Section 60, 63 and 76, (chapter 18,) R. S., repealed.

Sect. 2. Section seventy of said chapter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 70, amended.

'Sect. 70. Towns may raise money for the repair of bridges and ways, and direct the same to be assessed as other town taxes, to be expended for the purpose by a road commissioner, under the direction of the selectmen.'

Towns may raise money for bridges and ways.

Sect. 3. Section fifty-nine of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "charges," in the second line, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 59, amended.

'Sect. 59. Each town shall annually raise money to be expended on the town ways and highways, to be assessed as other town charges.'

Towns may raise money for ways.

Sect. 4. Each town at its annual meeting shall elect, by ballot, a road commissioner who shall have charge of the repairs of all highways and bridges within the town and shall have authority to employ the necessary men and teams, and purchase timber, plank and other material for the repair of highways and bridges. Said commissioner shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty, give bonds to the satisfaction of the selectmen, and be responsible to them for the expenditure of money, and discharge of his duties generally. The compensation of said commissioner shall be such sum as the town shall annually vote therefor, which sum shall, in no case be less than two dollars per day, of every day of actual service; and he shall render to the selectmen monthly statements of his expenditures, and

Towns shall annually elect road commissioner.

—powers and duties.

—shall be sworn and bond.

—compensation.

make monthly statements.

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receive no money from the treasury only on the order of the selectmen.

Offices of commissioner and selectmen, incompatible.

Sect. 5. No person can, at the same time, hold the office of road commissioner and selectman.

When money shall be expended.

Sect. 6. Seventy-five per cent of the highway taxes assessed shall be expended upon the highways prior to the fifteenth day of July, and the balance at such time as the commissioner deems for the best good of the public.

If town falls to elect, etc., selectmen shall appoint.

Sect. 7. If a town fails to elect a road commissioner at its annual meeting, or if a person elected fails to qualify before the first day of April, the office shall be deemed vacant, and shall be filled by the selectmen by appointment; and in the event of a vacancy caused by death or otherwise, the selectmen shall appoint some competent person to fill out the unexpired term, who shall qualify and perform his duties as prescribed by section four of this act.

—may fill all vacancies.

Shall keep account of expenditures.

Sect. 8. Said commissioner shall keep accurate accounts, showing in detail, all moneys paid out by him, to whom and for what purpose; he shall settle his accounts on or before the twentieth day of February, annually, and the same shall be reported in the annual town report in detail.

—shall settle same annually before Feb. 20th.

Tenure.

Sect. 9. Said commissioner shall hold his respective office for the term of one year from the date of his election, or until the election or appointment, and qualification of his successor.

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

Sect. 10. So much of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are herewith repealed.

When act shall take effect.

Sect. 11. This act shall take effect March one, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Approved March 27, 1897.