

*Extracts from the Act 16 Victoria, Chapter 25.*

2. The said several and respective sums of money and every part thereof, shall be expended under the direction of such Supervisors and Commissioners as His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, may be pleased to appoint; and shall be paid to the several and respective persons who shall actually work and labour in making, completing and repairing the several Roads and Bridges, or in furnishing materials therefor, at the most reasonable rates that such labour and materials can be provided; and every Commissioner so to be appointed, shall as early in the season as may be, carefully examine the part of the Road where any sums of money are to be expended, and shall lay out and mark off such allotment or allotments as may conveniently be contracted for, in order that the making or repairing of the same may be let by auction to the lowest bidder; and in all such cases, such Commissioners respectively are hereby required to put a sufficient number of notices, not less than ten days previous to such sale, in three or more of the public places in the neighbourhood where the work is to be done, which notice shall specify and describe the work to be performed, and also the place, day and hour, when and where the same will be let by auction as aforesaid; and it shall further be the duty of such Commissioners respectively, to attend personally at the time and place so appointed, and there to let out to the lowest bidder such allotment or allotments, and at the same time to enter into written Contracts for the faithful performance of the work, in time and manner set forth in such Contracts; and in cases where the work required to be performed cannot be conveniently let at auction, it shall be the duty of such Commissioners to agree with fit and proper persons to perform the same by days' labour, provided that in no case shall more than one quarter part of any grant be so expended; and the said Commissioners shall severally keep an exact account of such moneys, and shall produce receipts in writing of the several and respective persons to whom any part of the said money shall be paid, as vouchers of such payments, and render an account thereof in duplicate, upon oath, (which oath any one of the Justices of the Peace in the several Counties is hereby authorised to administer), one copy of which, with vouchers, to be transmitted to the Secretary's Office on or before the first day of December next, to be laid before the General Assembly at the next Session, and the other copy to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace in the respective Counties for public information.

3. The before-mentioned sums of money shall be paid by the Treasurer out of the moneys in the Treasury, or as payments may be made at the same, by Warrant of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council.

4. The said Commissioners intrusted with the expenditure of the said several and respective sums of money shall for their time and labour be allowed to retain at and after the rate of five per centum out of the said money so intrusted to them respectively, together with a reasonable compensation for actual labour and work performed by them on the said several Roads and Bridges.

5. The said Commissioners shall expend the said several and respective sums of money on the Roads on or before the first day of October; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Commissioner from expending moneys after the first day of October, when it shall be necessary to expend the same for building Bridges, removing rocks, stumps, trees, or other obstructions.

6. None of the before-mentioned sums of money, or any part thereof, shall be laid out or expended in the making or improving any alteration that may be made in any of the said Roads, unless such alterations shall have been first laid out and recorded.

7. All persons who may be appointed Commissioners for the expenditure of money hereinbefore granted, and before entering upon the duties of his office, shall respectively enter into a Bond to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to the satisfaction of the Executive Government, for the due performing his duty as such Commissioner, and the faithful expenditure of and due accounting for such moneys as shall come into his hands as such Commissioner.

*By His Excellency's Command.*

J. R. PARTELOW.

Secretary's Office, 14th June, 1853.