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3473 and 3483 to the said Thomas Beall, of Samuel, or his assigns, in the same manner as if the agent aforesaid had returned them in the certificate of his sale to said Thomas Beall, of Samuel, saving to all persons any right or title which they may have acquired to the same, or any part thereof.

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT for the destruction of squirrels in Caroline county.

Passed 19th of
Dec. 1800.
Persons to be
allowed, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person, residing in Caroline county, shall carry to any justice of the peace of the said county the scalp or scalps of any squirrel or squirrels, such person shall be allowed, in the levy of the said county, for every squirrel scalp the sum of three cents; and the justice of the peace before whom such scalp or scalps shall be brought is hereby required to give the person bringing the same a certificate thereof, and cause the said scalp or scalps to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed.

Proviso.

II. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person shall be entitled to any allowance for any such scalp or scalps, without first making oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, or otherwise satisfy the said justice, that such squirrel or squirrels was or were killed in the said county, and that no certificate hath been obtained from any other justice of the peace for the same; and that it shall be the duty of each and every justice of the peace before whom such scalp or scalps shall or may be brought in virtue of this act, to take and receive the oath, or affirmation, of the person bringing the same, free and clear from all charge against the person making such oath, or affirmation, any thing to the contrary hereof in any law notwithstanding.

Duration.

III. This act to continue and be in force till the twentieth day of October, eighteen hundred and three.

C H A P. XXVI.

An ACT to open a road from Severn ferry, in Anne-Arundel county, to Patapsco lower ferry.

Passed 19th of
Dec. 1800.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, that they experience great inconvenience for want of a direct road from Severn ferry to Patapsco lower ferry, and praying a law may pass appointing commissioners to open a road, at the expence of the county, on the most direct course from Severn ferry to Patapsco lower ferry; and it appearing that the same would be of great public convenience; therefore,

Commissioners
appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Henry H. Dorsey, Horatio Ridout, George Ashbaw, Thomas Lee and Henry Duvall, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose, and any three of them are hereby authorized to lay out and open, at the expence of Anne-Arundel county, a road, not exceeding thirty feet wide, from Severn ferry to Patapsco, in said county, in the most convenient direction they may think proper; and the said road, when so laid out and completed, shall be recorded among the records of said county, and be thereafter deemed and taken to be a public road, and shall be kept in repair as other public roads in said county are directed to be kept.

Who are to ap-
ply to a justice,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall and they are hereby directed to apply to any justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, who shall issue his warrant, under hand and seal, directed to any sheriff of the county aforesaid, commanding him to summon five freeholders, disinterested as to the lands, and not connected with any person through whose lands the said road may pass, to appear at a place and on a day by him to be appointed, and after taking the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will honestly and faithfully estimate and value the damage and injury sustained by C. D. by opening a road through the land of the said C. D. in pursuance of the directions of this act," shall proceed to ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road may pass by opening and clearing the same, taking into consideration all conveniencies and inconveniencies, advantages and disadvantages, arising from opening the said road, and shall return the damages by him assessed to the clerk of the said county, and the damages so assessed shall be conclusive; and after the valuation so made, the said commissioners shall proceed to open and clear the same; provided, that the said road shall not pass through any houses, gardens, orchards or meadows, unless with the consent of the owner thereof.

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