

thereafter, and shall be kept up and repaired as all other public wharfs in said county are; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall in any manner authorise the said commissioners to lay out the said wharf and lumber yard through the buildings, garden, orchard or yard, of any person or persons, without his, her, or their consent.

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Proviso.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the persons interested in laying out the said wharf and lumber yard, shall pay to the commissioners the reasonable expenses for surveying and laying out the said ground for a public wharf and lumber yard, and making out and returning the said plot.

Persons interested to pay expenses.

CHAPTER 258.

An act for the benefit of Lawson Alexander, and the Representatives of the late Reverend Joseph Cowden. Passed Feb. 5.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the judges of Cæcil county, or any two of them, be and are hereby authorised and empowered, to appoint three disinterested persons of sound judgment, as commissioners, to value that part of a tract or parcel of land called Catto's Range, which was sold to the Reverend Joseph Cowden, late of said county, deceased, as confiscated property, by the commissioners of this state, when in fact the same was the right and estate of Lawson Alexander.

Commissioners to be appointed to value land.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall, after taking an oath before some justice of the peace of said county, (or affirmation as the case may be) truly and fairly to value the same, proceed to examine the said parcel of land so as aforesaid sold, and upon such examination make a return of the value thereof to the said court, under their hands and seals.

Oath.

3. *And be it enacted*, That if upon the return of said valuation, so to be made as aforesaid, the said Lawson Alexander shall, by a good and sufficient deed, release all his right and title to the said parcel of land to the said representatives of the said Joseph Cowden, or their assigns, that then and in that case the said judges, or any two of them, shall be and are hereby authorised and empowered, to draw on the treasurer of the western shore in favour of the said Lawson Alexander, for the amount thus estimated as the value of the said land, together with the costs incurred by the plaintiff and defendant in the prosecution of the suit now depending in Cæcil county court, and the said treasurer is hereby authorised and required, upon the presentment of said draft, to pay the amount thereof to the said Lawson Alexander, or his order, he securing to the representatives of said Joseph Cowden their proportion of said cost of suit.

On certain conditions judges to draw on treasurer, &c.

CHAPTER 259.

An act for the encouragement of Literature. Passed Feb. 5.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That for the increase of the school fund of this state, there shall be raised by lottery the sum of fifty thousand dollars a year, for five successive years, if practicable.

50,000 dollars a year to be raised by lottery.