

Lib. B. L. C. Lately made Navigable for Boats for above Twenty five miles up the said River by the Petitioners which will Certainly prove very Advantageous and Convenient to every Inhabitant and other Person who may have Occasion to Convey any Tobacco or other Goods to any Part of Patuxent River or to the Countys Bordering on the said River And Whereas the Navigation Drawn to Queen Anns Town is very practicable yet for want of the banks of the said River being Cleared in some parts thereof so as to make a road or Passage for horse or men to Dragg the Boats up Either over the Shoals or where the Stream is most Rapid the Return of the said boats up is so very Difficult and Tedious that very few of the Inhabitants will be able to make use of the navigation of the said River as it now is and therefore prayed that they might be impowered at their Own Expences and Labour to Clear a road or way about ten foot wide in such and so many Places on either Side of the said River above Queen Anns Town as to them should seem proper Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly & the Authority of the Same that from and after the End of this Session of Assembly it shall & may be Lawfull to and for the said Persons Concerned in the said Iron Works Commonly Called or known by the name of the Patuxent Iron Work Company and they are hereby Authorized and Impowered to make and Clear or Caused to be made and Cleared such and so many Roads Passages Paths or Ways not Exceeding ten foot wide on Either or Each Side or sides Bank or Banks of the said Patuxent River above Queen Anns Town aforesaid at their own Expence Costs Charges and Trouble as to them shall from time to time seem proper and Convenient for the uses and Purposes aforesaid for Dragging or Drawing any Boat Vessell or other Water Carriage up or Down the said River above Queen Anns Town aforesaid Provided always that this Act nor any thing herein Contained shall extend or be Construed to Extend to give any Liberty or Right to the Company aforesaid to make use of or dispose of any Timber or Wood which shall or may be Cut down in the Making or Clearing the Roads Ways Passages or Paths aforesaid And Be it further Enacted by and with the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that no Person or Persons whatsoever shall presume to Molest disturb or hinder or Cause to be molested disturbed or hindered the making or Clearing the Roads ways passages or Paths aforesaid nor shall obstruct or Cause to be Obstructed and stopt up such or any of such Roads ways Passages or Paths aforesaid when so made or Cleared under the Penalty of Satisfying and paying to such Company all such Costs Damages and Charges as they may be put unto or Suffer for or by Reason of any such Molestation Disturbance Hindrance obstruction or Stoppage to be recovered by
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