

sects the said Road leading from Fredrick Town to George Town in Sight of and not exceeding One Hundred Yards distance from each other

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Provided always and be it enacted that if the said Supervisors or any two of them shall deem it necessary and that it would greatly conduce to lessening the distance that the Road should pass through any improved ground in their respective districts (Buildings Yards Gardens and Orchards excepted) in such case the same Supervisors or any two of them may agree with the owners for the Purchase of Forty feet or thirty feet in Breadth as the case may require thro the same not exceeding the rate of Sixty Dollars Per Mile and in case the owner or owners of such land shall refuse to make sale thereof at a reasonable Price or lie under any disability of making such sale then the said Supervisors or any two of them may and they are hereby Authorised and required to Issue their Warrant to the Sheriff of their County commanding him to summon and return a Jury of the best and most Substantial Freeholders not less than twelve inhabitants of the said County to be and appear before the said Supervisors on the Premises at a Certain day in the said Warrant expressed which Jury upon their Oath to be administered by any one of the said supervisors who is hereby Authorized to administer the same shall enquire who is or are the owner or owners of the land and what damages such owner or owners will sustain by occasion of carrying the said Road through such improved ground and the said supervisors shall return the inquest of the Jury or a Certificate of the sum to be paid by agreement to the Justices of their County who shall assess and levy the Money agreed to be paid or by the Jurors assessed at the Time of laying their next County Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of their County to and for the use of the Owner of the said land together with the sherriffs Salary of five per Cent for collection which said Assessment the sherriff shall Collect and levy in the same manner and at the same rate as the County Levy may by law be collected and may be paid and discharged at the same rate in Money as the County Levy and the said Sheriff shall be Answerable for and pay the same to the owner and owners of such Land,

[Proviso, in Case of the Road's passing through improved Ground ;]

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Provided always and be it enacted that where by agreement and consent or otherwise any of the said Roads shall be carried in other Places than they now Pass through Fields and grounds in Actual cultivation that such field or grounds shall not be laid open or used as a Public Road 'till after the usual Time of taking off and securing the Crop then growing thereon and to enable the said Supervisors to accomplish the said work they or any two of them are hereby empowered in and for their respective districts aforesaid after they shall have carefully Surveyed the said Roads and agreed on the necessary alterations therein either to employ Labourors to do the

[Or Fields in actual Cultivation.]

[Supervisors to employ Labourers or contract with others to do the Work, and draw their Orders on the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit for the Money to be expended, &c.]