

C H A P.
XVII.
Commissioners
appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That George Ellicott, William Hammond and Abraham Jessop, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and open, at the expence of the said Christopher Walker, a road not exceeding thirty-three feet wide, in such direction as the situation of the ground will admit, and best answer the purposes of this act, from Christopher Walker's mill, in Anne-Arundel county, until it intersects the Frederick turnpike road at or near the said seven mile stone; and the said road, when so surveyed, laid out and opened, and the valuation herein after directed to be made shall have taken place, shall be recorded in Baltimore county court, and shall be deemed and taken to be a public road forever thereafter, and kept up, amended and repaired, as all other public roads in the said county.

Damages to be
ascertained, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, and the same, when so assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the said petitioner, before the said commissioners shall proceed to open the said road; provided always, that if any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, or his, her or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive themselves aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages by the said commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or any two of them, to issue their warrant to any constable of Baltimore county, to summon five freeholders of the county, not interested in the premises, and qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to appear, on a day by them to be appointed, on the premises; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized to administer an oath to every person so summoned, that he will, without favour, affection, prejudice or partiality, assess the damages sustained by the person at whose request such inquisition shall be taken, by reason of opening the aforesaid road through his, her or their lands; and the persons so summoned and sworn shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, of which the said petitioner shall have had at least five days previous notice; and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive between the parties.

Not to go thro'
buildings, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall not lay out or open the said road through the buildings, gardens or orchards, of any person, without his or her consent.

C H A P. XVIII.

Passed 19th of
Dec. 1800.

An ACT authorising Cornelius Howard Gift, late collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collections.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Cornelius Howard Gift, late collector of Baltimore county, hath set forth by his petition to this general assembly, that there is still due to him, as collector for the last year, a considerable sum of money, which he has been unable to collect, owing to the yellow fever that has prevailed in the city of Baltimore, and prays that a longer time may be allowed him to complete the collection of the same;

C. H. Gift to
collect, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Cornelius Howard Gift be and he is hereby authorized to collect all balances due him, as collector for the last year, at any time before the first day of October next, in the same manner as he could or might have done whilst he was collector, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said Cornelius Howard Gift, before he proceeds to execute or distrain the property of any person or persons for officers fees or taxes, shall, at least ten days before such execution or distress, deliver to the person chargeable with the same an account, written in words at full length, of the taxes demanded of him, her or them, with an affidavit annexed to the same, that he hath not, to the best of his knowledge, received any part thereof, nor any thing in security or satisfaction for the same, more than the credits given; and provided also, that the said Cornelius Howard Gift, before he derives any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge his collector's books in the clerk's office of Baltimore county court, to be there open to the inspection of all persons interested in the same.

C H A P. XIX.

Passed 19th of
Dec. 1800.

An ACT to relinquish the right of this state to the tract of land therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that a tract of land called Bear Range, lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, was surveyed for and in the name of Normand Bruce,