

the County Commissioners shall deem it expedient that examiners should be appointed to view the grounds for the purpose of opening, altering or closing a road, they shall appoint three persons as examiners, who shall be freeholders in the county, and not interested in or holding lands through which the road is proposed to be opened, altered or closed; but the appointment of examiners shall not prevent the said County Commissioners at any time thereafter from contracting with the owner or owners as above provided, and the County Commissioners of said county are authorized, when the county roads cannot be conveniently drained by drains along the said county roads, to make the same upon the property outside the limits thereof, and they shall contract for the lands that may be required for that purpose as above provided; or they may proceed to condemn the lands that may be necessary for the purpose under the provisions of Sections 248 to 253, both inclusive, Article 23, title "Corporations," and any amendments thereto.

Opening, closing or altering roads.

Sec. 209. The examiners, before they proceed to act as such, shall take an oath to execute the trust reposed in them faithfully and without favor, affection or partiality, which oath shall be endorsed on the order of appointment and returned therewith.

Examiners shall take oath

Sec. 210. Said examiners, or a majority of them, shall give notice of the time and place of meeting by publishing the same once a week for two successive weeks in some newspaper or newspapers published in Baltimore County, and by causing a copy of the same to be delivered to every owner through or along whose property the proposed road will pass, or be publicly posted on said property, in case the owner cannot be found, at least five days before the day of meeting, and in case the owner be an infant or *non compos mentis*, then a copy of said notice shall be left with the parent or guardian of said infant, or with the committee or person having charge of the person alleged to be *non compos mentis*, and, at the time appointed, the examiners, or a majority of them, shall meet on the premises and proceed to examine and determine whether the public convenience requires that the road should be opened, altered, or closed, as the case may be; but they shall have power to adjourn from time to time.

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Sec. 211. If the application be for opening, closing or altering a road, and if the said examiner shall determine that the public convenience requires that the road should be opened, closed or altered, they shall proceed to locate the same in

If decision in favor of opening road, etc.