Gittings, were authorized and appointed to inspect, value and purchase the certificates of surveys, resurveys, plats and other papers, which in their judgment they might deem essential to the interest, and relating to the land affairs of Montgomery county; And whereas, the aforesaid papers have been purchased and delivered to the surveyor of said county, under the provisions of the said act of assembly and the supplement thereto, to be filed in his office, to be considered and kept as public papers, by the said surveyor of Montgomery county, and his successors; therefore,

Duty to give extracts; compensation. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be the duty of the surveyor of Montgomery county, and his successors, to give extracts of such papers and plats to any person or persons applying for the same, and the surveyor furnishing the same, shall be entitled to demand and receive from the person or persons so furnished, such compensation therefor as is allowed by law to the clerks of the county courts for like services.

An Acr to provide for the purchase of certain Papers, for the use of the Surveyor's Office of Montgomery County.—1836, ch. 208.

Persons to value.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Gittings, William O. Chappell, and William Chiswell, of the county aforesaid, or any two of them, be, and they are hereby authorized and appointed to inspect, value, and purchase the plats, certificates, field notes and other papers of Willy Janes, assistant surveyor of said county, if they shall think it expedient, and to allow the said Willy Janes such compensation for the same, as shall be deemed just and reasonable.

Oath required. SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the commissioners afore-said, before they act as such, shall take an oath, before some justice of the peace of said county, truly and faithfully to execute the duty hereby committed to them, according to their best judgment, and shall return to the levy court of said county, a certificate of their qualification according to the provisions of this act.

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SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners make a return of the amount, if any allowed for the purchase of the papers aforesaid, to the levy court of Montgomery county, who are hereby authorized to levy the same on the assessable property of said county, to be collected and paid over as other county charges are.

Levy directed.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That when the said papers are procured as aforesaid, they shall deliver the same to the surveyor of the county, who shall file them in his office, and from thenceforth be considered, and kept as public papers by the present surveyor of Montgomery county, and his successors.

Papers disposed of.