

land and Virginia, nor to prevent oysters taken from any part of the said rivers or creeks thereof, from being transported to any place whatsoever; *And provided also*, that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prevent any person, residing in Washington county, in the District of Columbia, from using the waters of Maryland as fully and freely as any citizen of Maryland is authorized by law to do.

CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT ceding to the United States the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland in, to and over certain lands on North Point, and Bodkin Island, at the mouth of the River Patapsco, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, by an act of congress of the United States of Preamble.
 March the third eighteen hundred and nineteen, and an act of May the fifteenth eighteen hundred and twenty, authorizing the building, erecting, &c. light-houses, on the Bodkin and North Point in the state of Maryland, and elsewhere: and whereas it has been represented to this legislature, by the agent of the United States for the erection of the light-houses aforesaid, that difficulties have been opposed to the execution of the work aforesaid by the proprietor of North Point, in refusing to dispose of the quantity of land required at a fair and reasonable rate, but demanding an extortionate sum for the land aforesaid: and whereas this legislature duly appreciating the great advantages emanating from the erection of light-houses, and particularly where the navigation is attended with so much difficulty and danger as at the entrance of the river Patapsco, and desirous to promote all in their power to the completion of so desirable an object.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Thomas Sweeting, James P. Soper, Charles Wirgman, Abner Linthicum, and Stephen S. Johns, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with power to fill vacancies in their own body, to fix and determine the value of certain land required by the United States for the erection of light-houses on North Point, as authorized by the laws of congress of the third of March eighteen hundred and nineteen, and the fifteenth of May eighteen hundred and twenty; and they, or a majority of them, are hereby, upon giving at least ten days notice in one or more of the public papers in the city of Baltimore, authorized to value and assess the same, taking into consideration the advantages or disadvantages attendant upon the erecting the light-houses aforesaid, on the land aforesaid, and including in said valuation a reasonable allowance for the use and privilege of a road from the land aforesaid through the lands of the said proprietor or proprietors, as the road now exists, towards the public road leading thence to the city of Baltimore; and the decision

Commissioners appointed to determine value of lands, &c.