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of the commissioners aforesaid, or of a majority of them, shall be considered final and conclusive between the parties, unless an appeal shall hereafter be prosecuted as is herein after provided; and the amount or value of the land, and the right of way as aforesaid thereto, so assessed, being paid, or offered to be paid to the proprietor or proprietors thereof, the United States shall henceforward be considered the true and lawful owners of the said land, of the said right and privilege of a way for the purposes aforesaid; *Provided always*, that if the owner or owners of the said land, and of the said road so as aforesaid valued, his, her, or their guardian or guardians, trustee or trustees, shall conceive him, her or themselves, aggrieved by such valuation by the said commissioners, and shall notify to the said commissioners the same in writing, it shall and may be lawful for said commissioners, or any three of them, to issue their warrant to the sheriff of Baltimore county, commanding him to summon twelve freeholders in the county aforesaid, and not interested in the premises, and qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to appear on a day to be by them appointed on the premises; and the said commissioners, or any one of them, are hereby authorized to administer an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, to every person so summoned, that he will, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be taken, by the transfer of his, her or their land, about to be made as aforesaid, and by reason of the disadvantages attendant upon the erection aforesaid, and the privilege of the road aforesaid upon the land aforesaid; and the persons so summoned, and so qualified, shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, of which the said commissioners, or any one of them, shall have given at least five days notice in two or more of the public papers of the city of Baltimore, and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive; *Provided*, that in such appeal from the valuation and assessment of damages made by the commissioners, should the valuation and assessment of the said commissioners be confirmed by the jury, by this section directed to be summoned, the party appealing shall pay the whole expense incurred thereby.

Right of
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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the right of jurisdiction of the state of Maryland in and over the land aforesaid, as well as in and over so much of Bodkin Island as has been heretofore purchased by the United States, as by reference to deed therefor, bearing date the twenty-first day of August last past, recorded in the land record books of Anne-Arundel county the eleventh day of October following, will more fully appear, be and the same is hereby relinquished, ceded, and made over to the United States aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid.