

shall be deemed necessary; and the decision of the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall be considered final and conclusive, between the parties, unless an appeal shall thereafter 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 thenceforward, be considered the true and lawful owners of the said land, of the said right and privileges 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 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, or any of them, 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 any county, as the case may be, commanding him to summon twelve free-holders 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 transfer of his, her or their lands about to be made as aforesaid, and by reason of the disadvantages attendant upon the erection as aforesaid, and the privilege of the road aforesaid, upon the land aforesaid; and the person 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 notice in the public papers as aforesaid; 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.

Proviso.

Jurisdiction  
ceded.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the right of jurisdiction of the state of Maryland in and over the land aforesaid, be and the same is hereby relinquished, ceded and made over to the United States aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid.

Compen-  
sation.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid, shall be allowed for each and every day they shall be employed under the provisions of this act, two dollars, and costs necessarily incurred, one-half of which allowance to be paid by the