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An Act to open a Road down Patapsco Falls in Baltimore County. Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 403.

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WHEREAS application has been made to this general assembly, by sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel counties, representing that they suffer an inconvenience for want of a road down Patapsco Falls, from the Baltimore and Frederick-town turnpike road, near Conrad, Lucas & Co's paper mill, to Elk-Ridge Landing, to leave the turnpike road at or near the paper mill aforesaid, and to intersect the road leading from Baltimore to the City of Washington at or near Norwood's ferry, the distance being about five miles, and have prayed that a law may pass appointing commissioners to lay out and open a road, of the width of two perches, at the expense of those who may be willing to contribute thereto; and this general assembly apprehending the prayer of the said petitioners reasonable, therefore,

Preamble.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Richard Caton, Allen Dorsey and John Ellicott, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and open, a road, at the expense and proper cost of those that may be willing to contribute to the same, of the width of two perches, from the said turnpike road near Conrad, Lucas & Co's. paper mill, down the main Falls of Patapsco, keeping as near the water as the nature of the ground will admit, but so as not to injure any mill-seat on said Falls, to intersect the road leading from Baltimore to the City of Washington at or near Norwood's ferry; and the said road, when so surveyed, laid out and opened, and the valuation herein after directed to be made shall have taken place, shall be recorded in Baltimore county court, and shall be deemed and taken to be a public road for ever thereafter, and kept in repair by the persons willing to contribute thereto.

Commissioners appointed to lay out and open road.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, and the same, when so assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the contributors, before the said commissioners shall proceed to open the said road; *Provided always*, that if any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, or his, or her or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive themselves aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages by the said commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for the person or persons injured to apply to a justice of the peace, who shall issue his warrant to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon twelve freeholders of the county, not interested in the premises, and qualified to serve as jurors in the county courts, to appear on a day specified in said warrant, on the premises, and the sheriff is hereby authorised to administer an oath to every person so summoned, that he will, without favour, affection, prejudice or partiality, assess the damages sustained by the persons at whose instance such inquisition shall be taken, by reason of opening the

To ascertain damages.

Provide.