

CHAP. 13.

Passed Dec. 23,
* 1807, ch. 109.

Preamble

† Ch. 119.

† Ch. 83

Commissioners ap-
pointed to ascer-
tain damages sus-
tained by road,
&c.

CHAP. XIII.

A Further Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act to confirm and make public a certain Road therein mentioned. Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 440.*

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford and Baltimore counties, that a law passed at November session, eighteen hundred and eight, confirming that part of the plot and return of the commissioners appointed by an act of the general assembly of Maryland, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and six, from John Wise's, in Harford county, to William Slade's, in Baltimore county; and no provisions being made in the act to which this is a further supplement to allow damages to individuals over whose land the said road does pass, therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Johnson, Joshua Stevenson and William Hutchings, of Baltimore county, and Jesse Jarrett and Andrew Turner, of Harford county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or a majority of them, are authorized and requested to view and ascertain what damages are done to individuals over whose lands the said road has been laid, between John Wise's, in Harford county, and William Slade's, in Baltimore county, and make return of such valuation and damages to the levy courts of Baltimore and Harford counties, to be by them levied, at their next meeting that shall happen thereafter, on the assessable property of the respective counties, to be collected and paid, as other county charges are collected and paid, to those entitled to receive, or their order.

CHAP. XIV.

Passed Dec. 23.

An Act to alter and change the place of holding the Election in the third Election District in Cecil County, and for other purposes. Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 441.

This act repealed by November 1812, ch. 19.

CHAP. XV.

Passed Dec. 23.

An Act relating to Servants and Slaves. Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 442. See 1804, ch. 90, and 1817, ch. 112.

Deeds executed for manumission of slaves, and which have been acknowledged in manner heretofore directed, declared valid. § 1796, ch. 67.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any deed heretofore executed for the manumission of any slave or slaves, who by law might have been set free or manumitted by deed, and which has been acknowledged and recorded in the manner directed by the act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, shall be valid and effectual in law to give freedom to any such slave or slaves, and their issue, although such deed of manumission, or writing as aforesaid, may not have been evidenced by two or more good and sufficient witnesses.

Copy of any such deed, duly attested, to be deemed good evidence to prove the same.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a copy of any such deed of manumission or writing as aforesaid, taken from the records of the county, and duly attested under the seal of the court, shall at all times hereafter be deemed, to all intents and purposes, good evidence to prove such deed of manumission; Provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to effect or destroy the right of any person, who, before the passage of this

Provisions.