

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That **THOMAS WOODEN, THOMAS WILSON and SAMUEL HARDEN**(a), or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to survey, lay out and open, at the expense of the petitioners, a road not exceeding thirty-three feet wide, in the best and straightest direction which the ground will admit of, from the Franklin paper-mill on Gwinu's Falls, to the new Liberty road, in the direction towards the city of Baltimore, and return a plot of the said road, when surveyed and laid out, to the clerk of Baltimore county, to be by him filed and preserved among the records of the said county; and the said road, when opened and made at the expense of the petitioners, shall be deemed, and is hereby declared, a public road for ever, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads in said county.

CHAP. 23.

Commissioners appointed to lay out and open a road.

(a) Other commissioners added by ch. 166.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on application of the party or parties interested, the said commissioners, or any two 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 ascertained and assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the said petitioners, before the commissioners appointed by this act 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, her or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive themselves aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or any two of them, to issue their warrant to the sheriff of the county, to summon twelve disinterested freeholders of said county, to appear on the premises on a day by them to be appointed, and the commissioners are hereby authorized to administer an oath 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 reason of opening said road through his, her or their land, and the persons so summoned and sworn, shall thereupon proceed to value and assess the damages accordingly, of which the said petitioners, or some one of them, shall have five days previous notice at the least, and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive between the parties.

Damages to be ascertained.

Provide,

CHAP. XXIV.

An Act to confirm an Act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and nine*, entitled, *An Act to alter all such parts of the Declaration of Rights, Constitution and Form of Government, as make it lawful to lay an equal and a general tax for the support of the Christian Religion.* Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 450.

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* Ch. 167.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and nine, entitled, *An act to alter all such parts of the declaration of rights, constitution and form of government, as make it lawful to lay an equal and a general tax for the support of the christian religion,* shall be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Act confirmed.