

**CHAP. 43.** and empowered, at their discretion, to dispose of any part of the public square in Charles-town, commonly called Port Tobacco, in Charles county, upon such terms and conditions as to them may seem meet.

Justices of levy court authorised execute a deed to therefor.

2. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That any four of the justices of the said levy court, upon the sale of any portion of the said public square, are hereby directed, upon the payment of the purchase money, to execute and acknowledge, in the usual form, a deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers for the same, and that the deed or deeds so executed, shall operate to convey the interest of the said county in and to the said land so sold, to the purchaser, according to the true intent and meaning of the said deed or deeds.

**CHAP. XLIV.**

Passed Dec. 23.

*An Act for the relief of John Norris, of Harford County.* Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 472.

Preamble.

**WHEREAS** John Norris hath, by his petition to this general assembly, represented, that a certain road in Harford county authorised to be opened by an act of the general assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five\*, was laid out through a well timbered piece of land a very considerable distance, and has therefore rendered it necessary for him to erect a long chain of fence at considerable expense, and that he is materially injured thereby, and no power having been given by the said act to value and assess the damages sustained by landholders through whose property said road might pass, and hath prayed relief in the premises; and the same appearing reasonable, therefore,

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Damages sustained by a road running through his land, to be ascertained.

2. **BE IT ENACTED,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners in the said act named, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to value the damages sustained by the said John Norris by reason of the said road running through his land, taking into consideration all advantages and disadvantages arising therefrom, and make report thereof, in writing, to the next levy court which shall happen thereafter, and the amount of said valuation, when so made and returned, shall be thereupon levied by said court on the assessable property of Harford county, and shall be collected and paid to the said John Norris, or order, as other county charges are levied, collected and paid.

Commissioners to take an oath.

3. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That before the commissioners shall proceed to ascertain such damages, they shall take the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before some person competent to administer the same, viz: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, (as the case may be,) that I will faithfully, without favour or partiality, ascertain the damages, if any, sustained by John Norris, by reason of a road passing through his land, in pursuance of a law passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, chapter twenty-one."

**CHAP. XLV.**

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*An Act annulling the marriage of Abraham Parks, and Eleanor his Wife, of Baltimore County.* Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 473.