

CHAP. 30. they are hereby authorised to apply to some justice of the peace for said county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant, directed to the constable of the hundred where the land lies, commanding him to summon five substantial freeholders, not related to the said petitioners, or any way interested, to be and appear on the premises, on a day to be therein expressed; which said freeholders, upon their oaths, to be administered by some justice of the peace, shall inquire and ascertain what damages said William Amos, Joshua Amos and Aquila Amos, have sustained by reason of the said road having been located and opened through their lands; and the said freeholders are hereby required to consider the convenience, benefit, advantages and disadvantages occasioned by opening said road; and the constable shall return the verdict of said jury, or of the majority of them, under their hands and seals, to the levy court of Harford county; and if such jury shall not award a larger sum of money for damages sustained as aforesaid, than has already been allowed by the commissioners appointed to ascertain the damages, the said William Amos, Joshua Amos and Aquila Amos, shall pay the costs of such inquiry; but in case the same shall exceed the sum allowed by the said commissioners, then the said costs shall be levied on the assessable property of said county, together with such further allowance as shall be made by said jury to the said William Amos, Joshua Amos and Aquila Amos, by the levy court of said county, and be collected and paid as other public monies are levied, collected and paid.

CHAP. XXXI.

Passed Dec. 27.

An Act to authorise the Levy Court of Cecil County to open a Road from the Presbyterian Meeting-House in West Nottingham, to Creswell's Ferry. Lib. TH. No. 3, fol. 51.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, that the road from the Presbyterian meeting-house in West Nottingham, to Creswell's ferry, is very circuitous, and almost impassable for loaded wagons, and that the convenience of the public would be greatly promoted by laying out the same to run along, or near where a private road now runs through the lands of the Reverend James Magraw, Abner Coulson, Amos Erving, Henry Broughton, Alexander Nesbitt, Robert M. Master, George Kidd, John Patterson, Samuel Gay, jun. and Thomas Patton, until it intersects the public road leading from the Brick meeting-house to Creswell's ferry, below the said Samuel Gay's; therefore,

Levy court to appoint commissioners to lay out road

1. **BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That the levy court of Cecil county are hereby authorised and empowered to appoint three commissioners to view said ground, and lay out a road not exceeding thirty feet in width, along or near the private road aforesaid.

Commissioners powers—Supervisors to be appointed.

2. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the commissioners aforesaid shall have the said road surveyed, and shall have power to bargain and contract with any person or persons through whose land the said road may pass, or to adjudge the damages any person may sustain by the same, and make a return of all contracts by them made for land or damages adjudged by them, by reason of opening said road; and shall return the same, with a plot of said road, under their