

to straighten, open and amend said road, having due regard, as far as is practicable, in the whole course of said road, to shorten the distance so as to do as little injury to private property as will comport with public convenience, provided they do not lay the same through the yard, garden or orchard, of any person or persons, without his, her or their consent, nor more than thirty feet in width; and when said commissioners, or any two of them, shall have so laid out, straightened and amended said road, they shall execute, sign and seal, a plain plot of the same, and return it to the justices of the levy court of said county, who shall cause the same to be recorded among the land records of said county; and the said commissioners, or any two of them, shall have full power to contract and bargain with any person or persons, over whose lands said road may pass, or adjudge the damages any person may sustain by said road, and make return of all contracts by them made, for land or damages adjudged by them by reason of opening, straightening and amending said road, to the levy court of said county; and on receiving the said plot of the road so laid out, and a return of said contract or contracts, or for damages adjudged, the justices of said levy court shall forthwith proceed to levy on the assessable property of said county the necessary sum of money for defraying the expense attending the opening, straightening and amending of said road; and the said justices of the levy court shall appoint a supervisor or supervisors for said road, in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as other supervisors are appointed in said county.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case of the death of one or more of the commissioners, by said justices appointed under this act, they, the said justices of the levy court, shall appoint another person or persons in his or their stead; and the said commissioners shall receive two dollars for every day they act on the business of said road.

Vacancies, how to be supplied.

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*An Act to make public an old Road in Harford County.* Lib. TH. No. 3, fol. 219.

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1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the surveyor of Harford county be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to lay out, survey, mark and bound, the old road in said county, thirty feet in width, beginning at or near the north end of Benjamin M. Creery's field where the old road intersects the road leading from Underhill's mill, to Patrick Smith's lane, pursuing the old road by Thomas Street's, until it intersects the road leading from William Slade's mill to Belle-Air, near James St. Clair's bars, and return a plot of said road, when surveyed and laid out, together with a certificate of the courses of the same, to the clerk of said county, to be by him recorded.

Surveyor of county authorised to lay out, mark and bound a certain road.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when a plot of said road shall be returned and recorded as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the levy court of said county, to levy upon the assessable property of said county, such sum of money as they shall deem necessary under all circumstances, and appoint an overseer to open and clear said road, agreeable to the plot and certificate aforesaid, who shall give bond, in like manner as other overseers of public roads

Expenses to be levied on county.