

certain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose lands the said road may pass, or the said landing may be laid off, and the said valuation shall be made and paid, or secured to be paid, before the commissioners shall proceed to open and clear the same; and in case any proprietor or proprietors shall conceive him, her or themselves, aggrieved by the valuation of the said commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners, or a majority of them, on the application of any person interested, to issue their warrant, under their hands and seals, to the constable of the hundred where such lands may be, commanding him to summon twelve freeholders, not interested in the said lands, to appear on a day by them appointed, on the said lands, at which time and place, such freeholders so summoned shall respectively appear before the said commissioners, and take the following oath, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, that I will honestly, without prejudice or partiality, value the damages and injury that may be sustained by opening a road or landing through the lands of ———, (as the case may be,) in pursuance of this act of assembly," and shall return an inquisition of such damages so assessed to the clerk of Worcester county court, and the damages so assessed shall be conclusive.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the persons who may conceive themselves interested or benefitted by the aforesaid road, are hereby required to pay, or secure to be paid, into the hands of the commissioners aforesaid, or some one of them, for the use of the person or persons in whose favour such valuation may be made, previous to laying out and opening the road and landing aforesaid, and in case of failure of payment, or security as aforesaid, this act to be null and void, but in case of compliance with the provisions of this act, the said road shall be considered a public highway, and be kept up in the same manner as other public roads in said county.

To be paid by persons interested in road

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That after the damages aforesaid are paid, and the said landing is laid off, and the said road laid out, opened and cleared, the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, are hereby directed to return a plot of said road and landing to the clerk's office of Worcester county, there to be recorded, and shall at the same time return the estimate of the damages which may have been ascertained as aforesaid, together with a certificate that the same have been paid or secured to be paid.

Plot of same to be returned and recorded

CHAP. XXXIX.

*An Act for the benefit of Mary Jackson, of Worcester County.* Lib. TH. No. 4, fol. 44.

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BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Worcester county shall and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they shall see cause, to levy on the assessable property of said county a sum of money not exceeding thirty dollars, nor less than twenty dollars, for the support and maintenance of Mary Jackson, of said county, and the same, when collected, shall be paid by the collector of said county to the said Mary Jackson, or her order, for the purpose aforesaid.

Levy authorised for her support.