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*An Act to change a part of the public Road leading from Blackwater River to the head of Hungar River, in Dorchester County.* Lib. TH. No. 4, fol. 246. Passed Jan 7, 1815

Preamble

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly by the petition of Joshua Meekins, of Dorchester county, that a part of the public road leading from Blackwater river to the head of Hungar river, in said county, is capable of being changed and altered so as to relieve the said petitioner and a certain Thomas H. Meekins, a minor, from much of the inconvenience and injury to which they are subjected by reason of the said road's passing through their plantations, and at the same time to shorten its distance; that in the proposed alteration they are the only proprietors whose lands will be affected; but in consequence of the minority of the said Thomas H. Meekins, and his incapability to assent, the levy court of said county have no power to permit the said road to be changed or altered; for the purpose of giving the said levy court adequate powers in the premises,

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the levy court of Dorchester county, in their discretion, upon the application of the said Joshua Meekins, to permit the said road to be changed and altered, and in all respects to use and exercise the same discretion, powers and authorities, in the premises, as if the said minor were of full age, and did actually assent to the said change and alteration; *Provided,* that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to impose upon said minor any part of the charge and expense incurred by opening, clearing and making the said change and alteration in the road.

Road may be changed

Proviso

CHAP. XVIII.

*An Act to lay out, open and establish, a new Road in Washington County.* Lib. TH. No. 4, fol. 247. Passed Jan 9, 1815

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Denton Jacques, John Brewer, senior, and Jonathan Nesbett, of Washington county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and open, a new road twenty-five feet wide, to commence at the Pennsylvania line in Jacob Lear's field, where the new road from Mercersburg to that point ends, and to continue the said road from thence in the nearest and most practicable direction to Potomac river, having due regard to the interests of the proprietors of the land through which the said road shall pass; and that the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power to lay out and establish the said road for the distance aforesaid, as they, or a majority of them, may think proper, making the same twenty-five feet in width, and return a plot of the same to the levy court of Washington county, designating and shewing the said road as by them, or a majority of them, laid out; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to contract with the owner or owners of the land over which the said road shall pass, (except as is hereinafter provided,) for any damage which the said owner or owners may sustain; and if the said commissioners, or a majority of them, cannot agree with such owner or owners for the damages by him, her or

Commissioners appointed to lay out a road—Damages to be ascertained