

or ropes, across any streets, lanes or alleys, within the said city or precincts, in which their respective places of worship now are, or hereafter may be situate, provided that the foot ways along said streets be not thereby obstructed.

CHAP. 152.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any person or persons who shall be convicted of intentionally breaking or pulling down any chain or rope so authorised to be extended, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine and imprisonment, or either of them, at the discretion of the court having cognizance of similar offences.

Penalty for pulling them down

CHAP. CLIII.

An Additional Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to Incorporate a Company to make a Turnpike Road leading to Cumberland, and for the Extension of the Charters of the several Banks in this State, and for other purposes. Lib. PH. No. 5, fol. 291.*

Passed Jan 30 1817
* Nov 1812, ch. 79

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases where damages are claimed by the owner or owners of land through which the Cumberland turnpike road may pass, or where stone, gravel, earth or sand, not already quarried or dug for the use of the owner or owners, or for sale, shall be necessary for making or repairing the said turnpike road, the president and managers of the Cumberland turnpike road company, or a majority of them, or any person authorised by them, may agree with the owner or owners of such land for such damages as may be sustained by the said road passing through the same, or with the owner or owners of said materials for the purchase of the same, or with the owner or owners of the land on which the same may be for the purchase of the said land; and in case of disagreement, or in case the owner shall be a *feme covert*, under age, or *non compos*, or out of the state or county, the president of the said company, or any person authorised by him for that purpose, shall apply to a justice of the peace of the county where such land shall lie, whose duty it shall be thereupon to issue his warrant, directed to the sheriff of the same county, commanding him to summon twelve persons who have no interest in the land or materials in question, and who are qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to meet at the place where said land or materials may be, on a day in the said warrant to be specified, not exceeding sixty days after the day of application by the president aforesaid; and the said sheriff shall qualify the said persons, either by oath or affirmation, as the case may be, justly, truly and impartially, to value the damages which may be sustained by the owner or owners of the land through which said road may pass, or the materials required by said company, in which valuation the said jury shall take into consideration the advantages and disadvantages of the said turnpike to the said owner or owners; and the said jurors shall, after valuing the damages as aforesaid, return under their hands and seals, to the justice who issued the warrant, one copy of the said valuation, one other copy to the president of the company, and one other copy to the owner or owners of the said land or materials, if such owner shall reside in the county where the land lies, and shall not be under any legal disability to receive the money sustained as damages as aforesaid, and give sufficient discharges

Company may agree with owners of lands for damages sustained, &c