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A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of Commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the Town of Princess-Anne, in Somerset County. Lib. III. No. 5, fol. 619.*

Passed Feb 3, 1818
*1815, ch. 73.

WHEREAS, doubts are entertained whether the commissioners under the act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the town of Princess-Anne in Somerset county, are authorised and empowered to establish and regulate a market in said town, therefore,

Preamble

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of said town, under the act to which this is a supplement, be fully authorised and empowered, if in their opinion the interest of the said town require it, to choose and fix on some proper and convenient spot of ground, within the limits of said town or precincts, for the erection of a market-house, and shall contract for and purchase the same, or any part thereof which may be deemed sufficient for the purpose aforesaid; and in case the owner or proprietor of the said ground shall refuse to sell or dispose of such ground, so selected and chosen by the commissioners as aforesaid, then the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to condemn so much of the said ground as will be sufficient for the purpose aforesaid, and shall issue a warrant to the sheriff of Somerset county, to summon a jury of twelve judicious disinterested persons of the county, having no assessable property within the said town; and the said jury shall meet at the town of Princess-Anne, upon such day as the said sheriff shall appoint, (of which appointment notice shall be given to the proprietor of the ground thus condemned) and having first taken an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to be administered by the said sheriff, without partiality or prejudice to value the said ground, and the damages sustained by the owner or owners by means of such condemnation, according to the best of their skill and judgment, shall proceed to make such valuation; and the said jury in estimating such value and damages, shall take into consideration not only the actual value of the ground so condemned, but also any injury that may be done by means thereof to any other property of the said owner; and the said sheriff shall return the valuation aforesaid, in writing, under his hand and seal, and the hands and seals of the jury, to the said commissioners, to be recorded among the land records of Somerset county; the said sheriff and jury to be allowed the same fees for their services and attendance as in cases of attendance upon the county court; and the sum agreed to be paid by the commissioners to the owner or owners of said spot of ground, so purchased by them, or the sum to which such spot of ground, so condemned and appraised as aforesaid, and the expenses of such valuation shall amount, shall be levied upon the assessable property of said town, and when collected by the said commissioners shall be paid by them to the owner or owners of such condemned ground, or his, her, or their legal representatives; and such condemnation, valuation, recording and payment, or tender of payment, for the said ground, shall vest an absolute estate in fee simple in the said commissioners, for the use of said town, and for the purposes aforesaid, for ever;

Market-house may be erected.