

the constable of the hundred, commanding him to summon twelve disinterested freeholders, to meet upon the premises on a certain day, of which at least ten days notice shall be given to the parties interested; and the said jurors, when so met, and having each first taken an oath before some justice of the peace, that he will without favour or partiality assess the damages sustained by such person or persons, at whose request the said inquisition was taken, by reason of opening the aforesaid road through his, her, or their lands, shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive; but should the jury award a smaller sum as damages than the commissioners had previously done, then and in that case the person or persons at whose instance it was held, shall pay all legal costs and charges of said inquisition, but if on the contrary they should award a greater sum, then the costs of such inquisition shall be paid by the county or persons at whose expense the said road shall be opened.

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3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said damages shall be paid to the person or persons entitled to the same, before said road shall be opened.

Damages to be paid before road is opened

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall, before they proceed to act, take an oath before some justice of the peace, of the same tenor and effect as is heretofore directed to be taken by the jurors; and the said commissioners shall be entitled to two dollars per day for their services in surveying and laying out said road.

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An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Church Hill Academy in Queen-Anne's County. Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 38. Passed Feb 6, 1818

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of the village of Church Hill, and its vicinity, have by their petition set forth, that they have erected a large and convenient brick building for an academy, and pray for an act of incorporation for the organization of the same; and it appearing reasonable that the prayer of said petition be granted, therefore,

Preamble

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said school shall be under the direction and management of James Brown, Samuel Burgess, William Jacobs, James Butcher, George Burgess, Jonathan Crain, Farran Taylor, Thomas Crain, James G. Rochester, James Hall, Campbell J. Cornelius, John Hollingsworth, John Hackett, Robert Carson, John S. Brake, trustees of the Church Hill Academy; which trustees, and their successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate, with perpetual succession, by the name and style of The Trustees of the Church Hill Academy. by which name and title the said trustees, and their successors, shall be competent and capable at law and in equity, to take to themselves, and their successors, for the said school, any estate in lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, monies, or other effects, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale or bequest, of any person or persons whatsoever, provided the same shall not exceed in the whole, the yearly value of fifteen hundred dollars, and the said lands and tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, monies, and other effects, to grant, bargain, sell, demise, and place out on interest, or otherwise dispose of, for the use of the said school, in such manner as to them, or at least a majority of them, shall seem most beneficial.

Trustees incorporated