

CHAP. 89.

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Passed Dec. 31.

An Act to straighten and amend the road leading from Leonard-town, in Saint-Mary's County, to Newport, in Charles County. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 173.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Saint-Mary's and Charles counties, that from a variety of natural and accidental causes the road leading from Leonard-town, in Saint-Mary's county, to Newport, in Charles county, has become very inconvenient, hazardous, and unsafe for travellers, and they have prayed that commissioners may be appointed to straighten and amend the same; and it appearing reasonable and proper that the said difficulties, as far as is practicable, should be removed,

Commissioners appointed to examine and alter road.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Philip Key, Luke White Barber, Clement Briscoe, Bennet Walker and William Mills, of Saint-Mary's county, and Henry Cooksey, Benjamin Douglass, Walter Dyson and Samuel Emory, of Charles county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to examine the road leading from Leonard-town, in Saint-Mary's county, to Newport, in Charles county, and the said commissioners, or any five of them, are authorised to alter, straighten and amend, the said road, in such manner and places as they may think right and proper, provided that the said road shall not go through any yards, gardens or orchards, of any person or persons, without his, her or their consent, and to cause the same to be well cleared and grubbed, twenty feet wide at the least; and they are hereby directed to employ such person or persons as surveyor, chain-carriers and labourers, on the said road, as may be necessary to complete the same, and shall make a true return of that part of the said road that shall go through Saint-Mary's county, to the levy court thereof, to be by them recorded as a public road therein, and to be kept up in manner as is provided for other public roads of the said county, and the said commissioners shall in like manner make return to the levy court of Charles county of the said road, so far as it shall go through the said county, to be by them recorded as one of the public roads thereof, and to be kept up in manner as is provided for the same.

Account of expenses in laying out road to be returned to levy courts.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid, or any five of them, shall return to the levy court of Saint-Mary's and Charles counties a correct account of the expenses incurred in the laying out, clearing and grubbing, of the said road, and it shall be the duty of the levy courts of the said counties, at their next meeting for the purpose of laying their respective county levies after such return shall be made, to levy on the assessable property in said counties, the amount of the said expenses, each county paying so much as shall have accrued in laying out, clearing and grubbing, that part of the said road lying within the limits of the same.

Commissioners to meet at Chaptico.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall meet at Chaptico, in Saint-Mary's county, on the first Monday in April next, to proceed to the execution of their duties required by this act, and any one or more of them may adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, until the whole business shall be completed.

Damages to be ascertained.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in every case where the said road may be turned through the lands or tenements of any person who