

promote the interest of the state, and the petitioners; and provided also, that the said petitioners, or one of them, cause to be assigned to the state, as a collateral security for their debt, on or before the first day of March next, a bond now in suit in the general court of the Eastern Shore, passed by Turbutt Wright, Solomon Wright and Clement Sewall, on the thirtieth of November seventeen hundred and seventy-one, to Patrick Hamilton, in the penalty of three thousand pounds current money, to be applied, when recovered and received, to the payment of so much of their debt to the state of Maryland.

No. 4.

WHEREAS Talbot Shipley, of Anne-Arundel county, hath in a petition to this general assembly set forth as follows, to wit: That whereas by virtue of an act of assembly, passed at November session seventeen hundred and ninety-one, chapter fifty-three, entitled, An act to lay out certain roads in Anne-Arundel and Montgomery counties, and also by virtue of another act of assembly, passed at November session seventeen hundred and ninety-two, chapter thirty-five, entitled, An act to establish the road from Baltimore-town towards Frederick-town, by Ellicott's Upper Mills, as far as the Poplar Spring, as a public road, and for other purposes therein mentioned; and also by virtue of another act of assembly, passed at November session seventeen hundred and ninety-two, chapter eighteen, entitled, An act to lay open a road to and from the mill of Benjamin Lawrence, and Elias Dorsey, on the western forks of Patapsco Falls, the commissioners, by the aforesaid respective acts of assembly, appointed for the purpose of laying out the said roads, have marked, bounded and established, all the said public roads over the land of your petitioner, so that your petitioner is now subjected to the inconvenience and expense of maintaining three public roads in fact, all leading through his land from Baltimore to Frederick-town, whereby his farm is greatly divided and cut to pieces, with very great and sensible loss to himself and without the least advantage to the public; and the said Talbot Shipley hath prayed that a law may pass to stop up the old road established by the aforesaid act of seventeen hundred and ninety-two, chapter thirty-five, from the place where the new road, opened and established by the act of seventeen hundred and ninety-two, chapter eighteen, intersects the old road leading from Baltimore-town to the Poplar Spring; and that the said old road, or so much of it as runs through the land of the said Talbot Shipley, and the law establishing the same, may be abolished and repealed: And whereas it is doubtful what advantages or disadvantages would result to the public from making any alteration in the aforesaid roads, or either of them; and it appearing proper that due information ought to be given to the general assembly, in order that effectual justice may be rendered in the premises; therefore, **RESOLVED**, That Reuben Merriweather, John Hood and Richard Dorsey, son of John, be and are hereby appointed commissioners to view the several roads aforesaid, and to judge of the propriety or impropriety of stopping up the said road as prayed for by the said Talbot Shipley, and that the said commissioners, or any two of them, report their opinion on the subject, in writing, under their hands and seals, to the general assembly at their next session; provided that all costs

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