

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if upon the examination made by the commissioners of the branch aforesaid, the said commissioners shall be of opinion, that any person or persons through whose land the said ditches or drains may pass shall be injured thereby, then the said commissioners shall proceed to ascertain the damages that may be sustained by the cutting and making the ditches or drains aforesaid, which damages shall be paid, or secured to be paid to the person or persons damaged as aforesaid, by the persons interested in making the said ditches or drains, before they shall proceed to cut and open the same.

CHAP. 100.  
To ascertain damages sustained.

CHAP. EL.

An Act to appoint Commissioners for the Regulation and Improvement of Chester-Town, in Kent County, and for other purposes. Lib. Passed Jan 27 1836  
P. H. No. 1, fol. 154.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the inhabitants of Chester town, in Kent county, would derive great advantages from the appointment of commissioners, with sufficient powers for the regulation of the police of the said town; therefore,

Preamble. 1

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Samuel Chew, Benjamin Chambers, James Hodges, Junior, William McKenny, Thomas Worrell, Philip F. Raisin and James Claypole, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners of Chester town, in Kent county, and shall continue in office until the time herein after mentioned for electing commissioners of the said town.

Commissioners appointed.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners appointed by this act, or a majority of them, shall on the fourth Monday in May eighteen hundred and seven, giving ten days previous notice thereof by advertisements fixed at the court-house door and other convenient places in said town, call a meeting of the free white male inhabitants of the said town, to elect, by ballot, seven commissioners for the ensuing year; and the said elections shall be made in the following manner; that is to say, the said commissioners shall appoint some justice of the peace, residing in the said town, judge of the said election, of which they shall give him at least five days notice before the time of holding the said election, and the said justice shall, on or before the day fixed for holding the same, appoint a clerk to take down the votes for commissioners of the said town, and the said clerk, before he shall proceed to act as such, shall take an oath, or make affirmation, as the case may be, before the judge of the said election, that he will, truly, faithfully and impartially, take down the names of all such persons as shall be permitted by the judge of the election for commissioners of Chester town to vote at the same, and all free white males of twenty one years of age and upwards, having resided within Chester town, or the precincts thereof, one whole year next preceding the day of election, shall be entitled to vote for commissioners of the said town.

Meeting of inhabitants to be called to elect seven commissioners.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the polls for the election of the said commissioners shall be opened at the court-house in said town at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning of the day appointed for holding the same; and shall be closed at the hour of six o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, and no vote shall be taken before or after the said hours respectively; and after the polls shall

Polls to be opened for said election, &c.