

five days previous notice, and shall return the damages so assessed to the said justice of the peace, and such inquisition and valuation shall be final and conclusive; and the party or parties in whose favour the valuation ascertained by the said commissioners, or the damages assessed by the said freeholders, shall be made, shall be entitled to receive the same from the said commissioners; and the said commissioners shall pay, or secure to be paid, the amount of the said valuation or damages to the respective parties entitled to the same, out of the monies to be raised and collected from the subscriptions to the said road, within the space of six months after the assessment of such valuation or damages, and before they shall proceed to affect the lands and tenements of the person or persons concerned; *Provided*, that the said road shall not go through any houses, gardens, yards, meadows or orchards, unless with the consent of the owner thereof.

CHAP. XXVI.

An Act authorising the Proprietors of the French-Town and New-Castle Water and Land Stages to open a Road from French-Town, in Cecil County, to intersect the divisional line between this State and the State of Delaware, at a Road laid out by the Commissioners of New-Castle County, in the State of Delaware. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 230. Passed Jan. 3 1806

A Supplement, 1807, ch. 99.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by a ^{Preamble} great number of respectable inhabitants of Cecil county, that the communication established between Baltimore and Philadelphia, by way of French-town, on Elk river, and New-Castle, on the Delaware river, has become an object of great public importance and utility, and that there never has been a public road laid out from French town to the county road, called the Back Creek Road, and that there is much delay and hindrance experienced by the circuitous road they are now compelled to use, and that this great inconvenience can be remedied by this general assembly enacting a law, authorising certain commissioners to lay out a road from French-town, to intersect a road in the Delaware state, laid down by the commissioners of New Castle county, in as straight a line as the situation of the lands, and the nature of the ground, will admit; and the prayer of said petitioners being considered very reasonable, therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That ^{Commissioners appointed to open road.} Richard Ford Alexander, Isaac Taylor, Adam Whann, William Hollingsworth and John G. Richardson, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and open, at the expense of the proprietors of the French-town and New-Castle water and land stages, a road, forty five feet in width, including ditches, in as straight and convenient a direction as may be, from French-town, in Cecil county, until it shall intersect the divisional line between this state and the state of Delaware, at a road lately laid out by the commissioners of New Castle county, in the state of Delaware; and be it provided, that the said road shall not be laid out through the garden, yard, meadow or orchard, of any individual, without his or her consent first had and obtained in writing.