

great inconvenience for want of a public road from the Priest's bridge, on Patuxent river, by Philip H. Hopkins's mill, from thence through the lands of Cornelius Duvall and John Duvall, thence through Rachel Hall's farm, so as to intersect the great road leading from Annapolis to the Governor's bridge at or near the corner of Rachel Hall's orchard; and the prayer of the said petitioners being reasonable, therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Hall, 3d. John Duvall and William Merriken, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and are authorised and empowered to lay out and open a public road from the Priest's bridge, on Patuxent river, by Philip H. Hopkins's mill, and from thence through the land of Cornelius Duvall and John Duvall, thence through Rachel Hall's farm, so as to intersect the great road leading from Annapolis to the Governor's bridge at or near the corner of Rachel Hall's orchard, but not so as to pass through any garden, orchard or meadow, without the consent of the proprietor or proprietors thereof; and the said road, when so laid out, shall be and the same is hereby declared a public highway, and to be kept up and repaired in the same manner as other public roads in said county.

Commissioners appointed to lay out and open a road.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value, if required, what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose lands the said road may pass, by opening the same, and the damages so assessed shall be paid, or secured to be paid, before the said commissioners shall proceed to open the said road; *Provided always*, that if the person or persons who may conceive themselves benefited by the opening and clearing said road, shall neglect or refuse to pay, or secure to be paid, the damages assessed by the said commissioners, then and in such case this act shall be null and void to all intents and purposes.

Damages to be ascertained.

Provided.

CHAP. LXIII.

An Act authorising Robert Leatherbury, of Somerset County, to complete his Collections. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 373. Passed Jan 20 1803

CHAP. LXIV.

An Act to provide for recording certain Wills in the Register's Office of Worcester County. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 374. Passed Jan 27 1803

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of the register of wills of Worcester county, and certified by the orphans court of said county, that a number of wills, anterior to the division of Somerset, and erection of Worcester county aforesaid, are in a ruinous and imperfect state, and that a new record, made from the original wills in the said office, would be of great utility; therefore,

Preamble.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the orphans court of Worcester county, and they are hereby empowered and required, to cause to be recorded by the register of wills of said county, in good leather bound books, to which fair and regular alphabets shall be prefixed, all such wills filed in the office of the register of wills of said county, and which have not been recorded, as they, or a

Certain wills to be recorded.