

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Philip J. Ford, Walter Dyson, John Haw, William Wood and William Dent, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and empowered to review, lay out and open, a road, beginning on the public road leading from Bryan-town to Piscataway, at the mouth of a lane running betwixt Benjamin Watson's land, (now occupied by Joshua Montgomery,) and James Middleton's, and down the said lane as it now runneth betwixt James Montgomery and James Middleton, and thence through James Middleton's land to Ignatius Middleton's mill, as it did run until lately shut up by the said Ignatius Middleton, thence across the said Middleton's land to Jeremiah Dyer's land, thence through the said Dyer's land, as the road now runneth, and up the lane betwixt Matthew Moore's and Thomas Courtney Reeves's land, to the upper Zachia Church; *Provided*, that if the said commissioners shall deem it more convenient and advantageous to locate the said road otherwise than is herein designated, they shall have full power and authority to vary the courses of the same at their discretion; and also to lay out and open a road, beginning on the public road leading from Bean-town to Nottingham, at the mouth of a lane near Thomas C. Reeves's, and thence running, as the road now runs, through the said Reeves's land to the upper Zachia church, where it intersects the road above described, and thence on through Elizabeth Smith's land to Zachia Swamp, thence across the said swamp through Ignatius Gardiner's, John Gardiner's and Alloisia Gardiner's lands, as the road now runneth, till it intersects the road at Caleb Thomas's gate, leading from Bryan-town to Magroder's warehouse and ferry; and to survey, mark and bound the said roads, not exceeding twenty feet in width, and to make a plot of said roads when so laid out, surveyed, marked and bounded, and return the same, under their hands and seals, to the clerk of Charles county, to be by him recorded among the land records of the county; and the levy court of said county, at any meeting after the said plot shall have been recorded, are hereby authorised and empowered to appoint an overseer or overseers to keep said roads in repair, as other public roads are kept in repair in said county; and the said levy court are hereby further authorised and empowered to levy and assess upon the assessable property of said county, at the time of laying the next county levy, a sum of money in their opinion sufficient to pay the expense of opening the said roads.

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Commissioners appointed to lay out and open a road.

Provided.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value the damages which any person or persons may sustain, through whose land the said roads may pass, by opening and clearing the same, and shall make and return to the levy court of Charles county a certificate of such valuation, the amount of which shall be levied by said court on the assessable property of said county, and paid to the person or persons entitled thereto.

Damages to be ascertained.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall be allowed the sum of two dollars each per day, as a compensation for their services.

Allowance to commissioners.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said roads shall not run through the house, yard, garden, orchard or meadow, of any person or persons, without the consent of such person or persons.

Road not to run through any house, &c.