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XIII.

that there is no real estate to work the said negroes upon, and that it would greatly contribute to the advantage of the said children, that some part of the said personal property should be sold; and it appearing to this general assembly, that it would greatly contribute to the interest of the said children to sell the property aforesaid,

M. L. Rogers
to sell personal
property, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Margaret Lee Rogers be and she is hereby empowered to sell the personal property belonging to the estate of her late husband John Rogers, or such part thereof as she may think proper, on three years credit, first giving sufficient notice thereof in the Maryland Gazette, the purchasers giving bond, with such security as shall be approved by the orphans court of Prince-George's county; and the said bonds shall be deemed and taken as part of the personal estate of the said John Rogers, and may be paid by the said Margaret Lee Rogers to the guardian of the children of the said John Rogers, appointed, or to be appointed by the orphans court, according to the laws of this state, in discharge of their respective shares of the said estate.

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Passed De-
cember 27.

An ACT to open a road from Venable's Mills, on Barren creek, in Somerset county, to Dean's Landing, on Nanticoke river.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, that it would be of great advantage to themselves, and the public in general, to have a road laid out from a place called Venable's Mills, to a place called Dean's Landing, on Nanticoke river;

Commission-
ers appointed,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John Robertson, senior, John Robertson, junior, George Wilson, junior, Jacob Wright and Abraham Taylor, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, or any three or more of them are hereby authorized to lay out and open as aforesaid, at the expence of the subscribers to the said road, a waggon road, in the most convenient direction, not exceeding forty feet wide, from or near Venable's Mills, on Barren creek, in Somerset county, to a place called Dean's Landing, on Nanticoke river; and the said road, when so laid out and completed at the expence of the said subscribers, and after the valuations herein after directed to be made, or the damages hereby directed to be assessed, shall be paid, or secured to the individuals concerned, shall be recorded among the records of Somerset county court, and be thereafter deemed and taken to be a public road for ever, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads are directed to be kept in said county.

Who may ap-
point a trea-
surer, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners may appoint one of their number as treasurer, who is hereby enjoined and empowered to collect and receive all monies subscribed, or that may be subscribed, for the purpose of laying out and clearing the said road; and such subscribers are hereby directed to pay their several subscriptions to the treasurer appointed as aforesaid; and if any person shall neglect or refuse to pay his subscription money, the said treasurer, or any one of the said commissioners in the name of the whole, may, and is hereby authorized to sue for, recover, and receive the same; and the said monies, when received, shall be applied by the said commissioners, or any two of them, to the purposes of this act.

And ascertain
damages, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners aforesaid shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons, through whose land the said road may pass by opening and clearing the same; and the said valuation shall be made before the said commissioners shall proceed to open and clear the same; and, in case any proprietor or proprietors, or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive themselves aggrieved by the valuation of the said commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace for Somerset county,