

CHAP. 265.

Assess and value
land and damages

giving at least four weeks' public notice, in two or more of the most public places of the county, to assess the value of the land which may be deemed necessary for that purpose, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages attendant upon the erection of the light house, and they shall also be authorised to ascertain and assess a reasonable allowance for the use and privilege of a road from the land aforesaid, through the lands of any proprietor or proprietors, if such road shall be deemed necessary; and the decision of the commissioners aforesaid shall be considered final and conclusive between the parties, unless an appeal shall be prosecuted afterwards in the manner hereinafter provided.

Title and jurisdiction

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the United States, upon the payment, or offer of payment, to the proprietor or proprietors, of the amount or value which may be ascertained and assessed by the said commissioners, or by the appellate tribunal hereinafter provided for, (as the case may be,) shall thenceforward be considered the true and lawful owners of the said land, and of the right and privilege of a way thereto; and thereupon the right of jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, in and over the land aforesaid, shall be and the same is hereby relinquished, ceded and made over to the United States for the purposes aforesaid.

Appeal provided

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if the owner or owners of the land so valued, assessed and condemned for the site of the said light house or road, his, her or their guardian or guardians, trustee or trustees, shall conceive him, her or themselves aggrieved by the valuation or assessment of the commissioners aforesaid, and shall inform the said commissioners thereof, and of their intention to appeal in writing within ten days after they are notified of such valuation and assessment, it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, and they are hereby empowered to issue their warrant to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon twelve disinterested freeholders of the county aforesaid, who are qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to appear on a day to be appointed by the said commissioners, on the premises, and an oath shall be administered by either of the said commissioners, or an affirmation, as the case may be, to every person so summoned, to the effect, that he will without favour or prejudice, assess the value of the land taken from the person or persons making the appeal, for the purpose of the light house or road, and also the disadvantages sustained by the party so appealing,

Proceedings