

assembly, that the public road near to Pocomoke sound, and leading to little Annamessic, in said county, is unnecessarily circuitous by reason of a water course, called Johnston's creek, and that by a short road and a bridge across the said creek, the convenience and interests of the said inhabitants would be greatly promoted—and that a public landing is also wanted on said creek, whose navigable distance is nearly fifteen miles, through a dense population of the county—AND WHEREAS, the said inhabitants have prayed that an act may pass authorising a public road, bridge and landing for public convenience and benefit;—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Justices of the Levy court, of Somerset county, at their next meeting after the passage of this act, or as soon thereafter as may be, shall appoint three disinterested commissioners, whose duty it shall be to survey, lay out, and provide for the constructing of a road in the said county, to commence at the road on the line between the lands of Benjamin McCready, and John S. Handy, esquires, thence by a straight course with the said McCready's line to Johnston's creek, over which a bridge shall be erected as hereinafter is provided; thence with the same straight course, and with the line between the lands of Job Moore, and Elisha Riggin, junr. esquires, to the old county road.

Commissioners to lay out and survey—directions

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners appointed by the levy court as aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall value and assess the damages that may be sustained by any person or persons, through whose lands the said road may pass, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages if any; and the damages so ascertained, (if any) shall be levied and assessed as other county charges.

Value damages

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said commissioners before they proceed to act, shall take an oath or affirmation, before some justice of the peace, that they will without favor, prejudice or partiality, assess the damages sustained by the persons through whose lands the said road may pass.

Oath required

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said justices of the Levy court, to provide for the construction of a bridge across said Johnston's creek, and the location of a public landing at some suitable point or place on said creek.

Bridge and Causeway