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*An act to provide for the cession, of territorial jurisdiction at Hooper's or Barren island in Dorchester county, and at Sharp's island in Talbot county, for the erection of Light Houses thereon by the government of the United States.*

WHEREAS applications have been made to the Congress of the United States for the erection and establishment of Light Houses at Hooper's or Barren Island in Dorchester county, and at Sharp's Island in Talbot county.—And whereas, this Legislature duly appreciating the advantages to emanate from the erection and establishment of the said Light Houses, and particularly with intent to avoid the dangers incident to the navigation of the Chesapeak bay during the night, is disposed to promote the achievement of objects so much desired by the good people of this State; Therefore.

Preamble.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland;* That in case an act or acts of the congress of the United States, authorizing the erection and establishment of a Light house or Light houses, at either one or more of the places or points, designated in the preamble of this act, commissioners shall be, and the same are hereby appointed with power to fill vacancies, if any should occur, in either body, to fix and determine the value of the land which may be selected by the United States for the purpose or purposes aforesaid.

Commissioners to fix value.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted;* That the following persons be and they are hereby appointed and constituted commissioners for the purposes of this act, to wit: John Griffith, Samuel Keene of Benj., Benjamin Travers, John Creighton, and Charles Travers, all of Dorchester county, to be commissioners for the said county, and Robert Banning, John Loockerman, William Hambleton, Samuel T. Kennard and Edward N. Hambleton to be commissioners for Talbot county, as the case may be, and they or a majority of them, shall in the event aforesaid be authorized in either of their respective counties, as the case may be, upon giving at least sixty days notice, in two of the most convenient newspapers, for four consecutive weeks, to value and assess the same, taking into consideration the advantages or disadvantages attendant upon the erecting the Light houses aforesaid, on the land aforesaid, and including in said valuation a reasonable allowance for the use and privilege of a road from the land aforesaid, through the lands of any proprietor or

Commissioner named.

Powers.