

CHAPTER 6. proprietors, if such road shall be deemed necessary; and the decision of the commissioners aforesaid or a majority of them, shall be considered final and conclusive between the parties, unless an appeal shall thereafter be prosecuted, as is hereinafter provided; and the amount or value of the land, and the right of way, as aforesaid, thereto so assessed, being paid, or offered to be paid to the proprietor or proprietors thereof, the United States shall henceforward be considered the true and lawful owners of the said land, or of the right, and privileges of a way, for the purposes aforesaid: *Provided always*; That if the owner or owners of the said land, and of the said road, as aforesaid valued, his, her, or their guardian or guardians, trustee or trustees shall conceive him, her, or themselves aggrieved by such valuation by the said commissioners, or any of them, and shall notify to the said commissioners the same in writing, it shall and may be lawful for said commissioners, or any three of them, to issue their warrant to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon as jurors, six freeholders of the county aforesaid, and not interested in the premises, and qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to appear on a day by them to be appointed on the premises and the said commissioners, or any one of them are hereby authorised to administer an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, to every person so summoned that he will without favor, affection, partiality, or prejudice, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be taken by transfer of his, her or their lands, about to be made as aforesaid, and by reason of the disadvantages attendant upon the erection as aforesaid, and privileges of the road aforesaid, upon the land aforesaid and the person so summoned, and so qualified, shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, of which the said commissioners or any one of them shall have given notice in the public papers as aforesaid, and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive: *Provided*; That in such appeal from the valuation and assessment of damages made by the commissioners, should the valuation and assessment of the said commissioners be confirmed or reduced, by the jury by this section directed to be summoned, the party appealing shall pay the whole expense incurred thereby.

Proviso.

Damages, how assessed on appeal.

Proviso.

Right of Maryland relinquished.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*; That the right of jurisdiction of the state of Maryland, in and over the land aforesaid, be and the same is hereby relinquished, ceded and made over to the United States aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid.