

JOS. KENT, ESQ. GOVERNOR.

Dec. 26, 1826.

Hoskin claiming damages sustained by the road laid out from Belle Air to the Baltimore county line; through the lands of the said Nathaniel Hoskin, shall extend to him the benefit of an act relating to public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, passed February the eleventh, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, chapter one hundred and fifty-two.

CHAPTER 54.

Passed Feb 26, 1826. An act to authorize John M'Knight to cut a canal therein mentioned in Dorchester county.

Preamble. WHEREAS John M'Knight of Dorchester county has petitioned to the general assembly of Maryland, for a law to enable him to cut a canal from Staplefor creek to the main road in Dorchester county: Therefore,

Authority granted. Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John M'Knight, of Dorchester county be, and he is hereby authorized to excavate, cut and make a canal from Staplefor creek to the main road, of such width and depth as shall be in the opinion of said petitioner most conducive to the object he has in view.

Dirt to be thrown. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said John M'Knight shall cause the dirt coming out of the proposed canal in excavating the same, to be thrown as nearly equal on both sides of the said canal as possible, so as to prevent the water from rising and overflowing the marsh through which the said canal shall pass.

Expence and Damages. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid John M'Knight, shall be at all and every expence in cutting or excavating the aforesaid canal, and shall pay for all damages that may arise to the orphan or orphans, or to either of their respective guardians, as the case may be; which damages shall be valued by two discreet and disinterested persons, one to be chosen by the petitioner and the other by such person as may have the management of the orphan or orphan's through whose marsh the said canal is to be cut or excavated.

Right vested. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid John M'Knight, shall be and he is hereby vested with the exclusive and sole right of using said canal, and that it shall not be lawful for any person to use said canal without the permission of said John M'Knight, or impede him in the full enjoyment and use of it, any law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 55.

Passed Feb 2, 1826. An act to incorporate the President and Directors of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Baltimore.

Preamble. WHEREAS, the members of the several fire companies of Baltimore, taking into consideration their relative situation with regard to society in general, the motives which induce them