

with the lots of the late Joseph Redue, Dr. P. Wroth, and Thomas Cuff, to or near Chester River, then on the lands of James F. Gordon on said river to Ratcliffe Creek, thence across said creek by a bridge and causeway, or by a causeway alone, to the lands of S. W. Spencer, thence along the river on the lands of S. W. Spencer, and Pere Wilmer or Hanson's heirs, to or near the mouth of Muddy Creek, thence across said creek by a causeway or bridge to the lands of Edward Wilkins, Thomas Baker and others, and thence along said lands in a direct line, so far as practicable, by the house or lands of Joseph Dublin to the main road leading from Quaker Neck to Chester Town.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power to value and assess the damages sustained by the owners of the lands over which the said road is to be located, taking into consideration the benefits and disadvantages of said road, and to return the survey plot and assessment of damages to the county commissioners of Kent county, and any persons deeming themselves aggrieved by said return and proceedings, shall have a hearing before the county commissioners on a day to be named by said commissioners, of which place and time official notice shall be given to the parties deeming themselves aggrieved, by the clerk of the commissioners, at least one week before the day of meeting of said commissioners, and the said commissioners shall have power to increase or diminish the assessment of damages according to their judgment upon hearing, and then proceed to ratify and confirm said return, and cause the same to be filed and recorded among the public records of Kent county in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for said county.

Power to  
value dam-  
ages.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the county commissioners of Kent county shall, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three, levy a sum of money not exceeding nine hundred dollars, as may be required to defray the expenses of opening, surveying, laying off and locating said road, as well as the payment of damages to the owners through which it will pass, and shall cause the said road to be made and opened as aforesaid, and when so made and opened it shall be deemed and taken as a public road, and kept in repair at the expense of the county.

Authority to  
levy.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall, before they proceed to act, take an oath that they will faithfully execute the duties imposed on them by this act to the best of their ability, and without

Oath of com-  
missioners.