

Chapter 423.

AN ACT to authorize and empower "The Commissioners of Centreville," in Queen Anne's county, Maryland, to acquire and hold six acres of land for the benefit of said town.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That "The Commissioners of Centreville," in Queen Anne's county, Maryland, and their successors in office, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, or otherwise acquire, and hold, a lot of land, not exceeding six acres in quantity, for the use and benefit of said town, in addition to the lands now held by them.

Purchase or
acquire.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in case the said commissioners and the owner or owners of the land desired for the use and benefit of said town cannot agree as to the price therefor and for the purchase thereof, or if the owners thereof, or any of them, be *feme covert*, under twenty-one years of age, *non compos mentis*, or for any cause are incapable of granting a good title to said land, the said commissioners may apply, by petition, in writing, to the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's county, to have the land described in said petition (which shall not exceed six acres in quantity) condemned for the use and benefit of said town, which said petition shall state the bounds and quantity of the land for which condemnation is sought, the purpose for which said land is desired, and the name, age and residence of the owners, and whether they are married or single, *compos mentis*, *vel non compos mentis*, and shall be verified by the affidavit of one or more of the petitioners that the statements therein made are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Disagreement
—how settled.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That immediately upon the filing of said petition with the clerk of said court, the said clerk shall give notice of the substance and object of said petition by printed notice, to be published once in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper printed in the

Verify state-
ments.

Give notice
of substance.