

CHAP. 233. paid in the same manner as provided for by the act to which this is a supplement, and in valuing and condemning land for said road, and returning the costs and expenses of the same, they shall take the oaths or affirmations as provided for by the act to which this is a supplement.

CHAPTER 234.

Passed Mar 1, 1830. *An act to authorise and empower the Levy Courts of the several Counties, therein mentioned, to alter, open, and shut up, roads, in their respective Counties.*

Levy court au-
thorized

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Levy Courts or Commissioners, as the case may be, of Charles, Caroline, Washington, and Calvert counties, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to alter, open, and shut up, any public road in said counties; and to have full power and cognizance, in every respect, in relation to establishing, altering, opening, or shutting up, any public road or roads in said counties, and to levy money for said purpose, or assess damages, as to them shall seem meet and equitable.

Justice required

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That when, in the opinion of said court, either of their own knowledge, or upon representation of any third person or persons, it may become necessary to open, alter, shut up, or establish, any public road in said counties, notice in writing of such intent shall be given to the person or persons, deemed or known to be interested therein; and said court shall assign a day for acting upon such business, and to have the allegations of parties concerned; and shall therefore take such order in relation thereto, as may appear to them to be most consonant to justice and the public convenience; and if any person or persons shall consider himself or themselves aggrieved by any decision of the Levy Court, an appeal shall be allowed to the County Court, where either party may have a trial by jury, who may bring in a general verdict, affirming the proceedings of the Levy Court, or such special verdict as they may judge to be the most consistent with propriety, justice, and the public convenience.

Appeal provided

Writs transmitted

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in case of such appeal, all original papers, filed with the Levy Court, shall be safely transmitted by the clerk, to the county court at its next session; and a trial shall be held the first term, either upon the same testimony, or upon any other that may be adduced by either party; and the county court shall have the power of awarding costs, as in all cases of equitable proceedings.

Testimony received

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That any testimony or deposition, taken before a commissioner of said county, under the act of