

Passed Jan. 20, 1835 *An act to condemn a lot of ground for the repairs of the causeway at the drawbridge in Dorchester county.*

Preamble

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, by the petition of a number of citizens of Dorchester county, that the public causeway leading through the marsh to the drawbridge, in said county, is in bad condition, and that earth in sufficient quantity effectually to repair the same cannot be had, without encroaching too much on private and individual rights; they pray that a law may pass authorising the condemnation of a lot of ground for the purpose of keeping said causeway in repair: Therefore,

Commissioners—  
appointment  
—duties—oath

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of the Levy court of Dorchester county, be, and they are hereby authorised and required to appoint three commissioners, which said commissioners, or a majority of them shall be authorised and empowered to survey, locate, and condemn, a lot of ground, most convenient to the causeway leading through the marsh to the drawbridge in said county, not exceeding one acre, for the use and benefit of said county, to keep said causeway in order and repair: Provided, that the said lot of ground, as aforesaid surveyed, located and condemned shall not interfere with, or affect the yards, gardens, orchards or buildings of any person, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof, and provided the said commissioners be first sworn or affirmed as the case may be, before some justice of the peace for the county, that they will truly and faithfully discharged the trust reposed in them without prejudice, favor, or partiality.

Plat—record

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall cause to be made out a plot of the lot of ground as aforesaid surveyed, located and condemned, to be lodged in the clerks office of Dorchester county there to remain in perpetual testimony of the aforesaid survey, location and condemnation.

Valuation

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall value and assess the damages sustained by any person or persons, whose lands may be affected by the survey, location, and condemnation, and the damages so as aforesaid assessed, together with all the necessary expenses, shall be returned by the said commissioners, to the Levy court of Dorchester county, to be by them levied on the taxable inhabitants of said county.