

chael hereafter to be born, to take upon themselves, and each of them, the surname of Johnson; and the surname of the said James Michael shall be and is hereby changed and altered to the surname Johnson, and the issue of the said James Michael, hereafter to be born, shall at all times hereafter be called by and hold and use the surname Johnson.

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Sect. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all securities, promises, contracts, assurances, deeds, and lawful acts whatsoever, hereafter to be made and done, by and to the said James Michael, by the name of James Johnson, shall be of the same force, validity and effect, and of equal avail to all intents and purposes, as if the name of James Johnson had been the true and lawful name of the said James Michael from his birth, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Contracts confirmed.

CHAPTER 23.

*An act to lay out and open a New Road, in Frederick and Baltimore counties.*

Passed Jan. 31, 1825

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Levin Gosnell, of Frederick county, and Alexander Gillis and Greenberry Shipley, of Baltimore county, be and the same are hereby appointed commissioners, to survey, lay out, and open a road, not exceeding thirty feet in width, commencing at Doctor Thomas Beal Owings' Mill, in Frederick county, to intersect the public road leading from Harnes' Old Fields, in Baltimore county, on the best and most practicable route; and the said commissioners shall make out a plat of that part of the Road through Frederick county, and return the same to the Clerk of the County Court, to be recorded among the records of said county; they shall likewise make out a plat of that part of the road through Baltimore county, to be recorded among the records of said county; and the said road, when so opened, shall be thereafter deemed to be a public Road forever, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public Roads are directed to be kept up, in said counties.

Commissioner to lay out and open

Plat and record.

Public highway.

Sect. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the expenses of surveying and opening the said Road, shall be paid by Baltimore and Frederick counties, in proportion to the distance it may pass through each county, and the Levy Court of Frederick county, and Commissioners of Baltimore county, are

Expenses apportioned.