

## CHAP. 180.

Meeting to orga-  
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nal Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said company shall hold a meeting on the last Saturday in April, in the present year, and every year hereafter, at the house now occupied as a Justice's office by William Temple in Bullocktown, in the State of Maryland, or at such other place as may be determined upon by a resolution of the company adopted at a previous meeting; and such annual meeting may be adjourned from time to time as occasion may require.

Choose three com-  
missioners.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said company shall at the first meeting thereof, or at some other meeting to be held on some day prior to the last of June, choose by ballot three substantial freeholders as commissioners to lay out such ditch or ditches, drain or drains, of such breadth, depth, length, course or courses, distance or distances, as will be sufficient to clear such marshes and low grounds of water; and to make a valuation and appraisement of the said marshes and low grounds, and the said commissioners are hereby authorised and empowered to go upon and view the said marshes and low grounds, and with the assistance of some skilful Surveyor by them to be appointed to lay out such ditch or ditches, of such breadth, depth, length, course or courses, distance or distances, as to them shall appear to be necessary for the draining and clearing the said marshes and low grounds on and adjacent to the said branch, and the several prongs thereof as aforesaid, of water, and to ascertain all the owners, and determine who will be benefitted by ditching and draining the said marshes and low grounds, or by any ditches which for the draining and improving of any marshes or low grounds ought to be cut and opened into the same, and the quantity of such marsh or low grounds owned or held by each owner, and by joint owners if any be held undivided, and the said commissioners shall value and appraise all the said marshes and low grounds which in their opinion will or may be benefitted or improved by the cutting and opening of any such ditch or ditches, and shall determine the value of such marshes and low grounds per acre, as near as may be, according to the situation thereof, and upon such principles as will do equal justice to all the owners thereof; but in determining the quantity, or number of acres of said marsh or low ground held by any owner or owners as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary for any actual survey to be made; but the said commissioners may estimate the

To lay out drains.

Survey.

Determine who is  
benefitted.Value and ap-  
praise.

Estimate.