

## CHAPTER 284.

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*An act to regulate Ferries in Somerset County,*

Passed Mar. 8. 1832

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if the proprietor of any place now used as a public Ferry, in Somerset county, and which place the Levy court of said county shall think proper to be continued as a public Ferry, shall refuse to rent the house and land commonly used with, or necessary for such Ferry, to such person as the said Levy court shall approve, or be under any disability to rent as aforesaid, that in such case the Levy court shall appoint three disinterested commissioners to meet on the premises after giving notice in writing to the owner thereof, on a day to be appointed to condemn and estimate on oath, in current money the value of the said lands or house necessary and most convenient in their judgment for the use of such Ferry, and the commissioners shall make return of their proceedings, together with a certificate of survey of the said land by the Surveyor of the county to the Levy court, who shall cause the same to be entered on their records, and the Levy court may agree with any person to erect or repair, at the expense of the county, buildings necessary to carry on such Ferry, and the land valued by the commissioners, and the buildings thereon, shall become the property of the county forever, and shall be annually used by such person for the accommodation of his ferrymen, as the Levy court may employ to keep ferry at such place, and the Levy court shall pay to the proprietor of the land and house, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, the value estimated by the commissioners as aforesaid, and the said court shall assess the same, and the expense of erecting or repairing buildings as aforesaid, on all the property of Somerset county in the same manner as other county charges are assessed by law.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the decision of the commissioners, or a majority of them shall be considered final and conclusive, unless an appeal shall be prosecuted as is hereafter provided, and the value of the land and house so assessed being paid, or offered to be paid to the proprietor or proprietors thereof, the said house and land shall be considered the lawful property of Somerset county, for the purposes aforesaid; *Provided always,* that if the owner or owners of the land or house as aforesaid valued, his, her or their guardian or guardians, trustee or trustees, shall conceive him, her, or themselves aggrieved, by such valu-

Case of owner of land, refusing to rent, &amp;c.

Proceedings direct.

Valuation being final.

To become property of the Co.

Appeal provided.