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XXI.

to summon and return a jury of twelve good and lawful men of the said county, not interested or related to the party or parties concerned, to be and appear before some one of the justices of the said county, on the premises, at a certain day in the said warrant to be expressed, which jury, on their oaths, or affirmation, as the case may be, to be administered by the said justice, shall inquire who are the owner or owners of the said land over which the said road so laid out and ratified shall pass, and what damages such owner or owners will actually suffer from the passage of the said road over the said land, the said jury taking into consideration all conveniencies and inconveniencies, advantages and disadvantages, if any, arising from the opening and improving the said road, and such sheriff shall return the inquisition of the said jury, under their hands and seals, and attested under his official signature, to the next levy court to be held for the said county, and the amount of damages therein expressed, if any, shall be paid by order of the said court out of the monies to be levied as is herein after directed; provided, that in case the said road shall run on the bed of any old road heretofore laid out and now in use, such person or persons through whose lands the said old road now passes, shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for damages herein before directed to be paid; provided also, that the said road shall not pass through any enclosed yard, garden or orchard, without the consent of the owner, nor shall any field in which grain, hemp, flax or tobacco, or other cultivated vegetables are growing, be laid open until after the season for collecting and securing the crops growing on such field.

Levy money,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of the said county, at the time of laying the next levy for the said county, shall levy on the assessable property of the said county such sum or sums of money as they may deem necessary for the purpose of surveying, opening and clearing, the said road, and the payments of the damages to the owners of the land through which the said road shall pass, and also for the payment of such compensation to the commissioners as is herein after directed to be paid.

And order
compensation,
&c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when the commissioners aforesaid shall have discharged all the duties required of them by this act, the levy court aforesaid shall order to be made to the said commissioners respectively, out of the monies to be levied as is by this act directed, such reasonable compensation as to the said court shall seem meet; and the said commissioners respectively shall thereafter be discharged.

C H A P. XXII.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1801.

An ACT to empower the levy court of Prince-George's county to assess a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Thomas Dyer, of Prince-George's county, by his petition to this general assembly, has set forth, that he is, through age and infirmities, rendered incapable of maintaining his son Nathaniel Green Dyer, now eighteen years of age, who at twelve years of age was attacked with a white swelling on his left arm, which has continued to affect him up to the present day, upwards of six years, and has rendered him entirely unable to do any kind of labour which might contribute to his support, and prays that a law may pass for the support of his son out of the poor-house; and the prayer of the said petitioner appearing reasonable,

Court to levy
money, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Prince-George's county shall be and are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy courts annually, so long as they may see cause, to assess and levy on said county a sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said Nathaniel Green Dyer, son of the aforesaid Thomas Dyer, and that the same be collected and paid annually to the aforesaid Thomas Dyer, by the collector or collectors of Prince-George's county, agreeable to the order of the levy court aforesaid.

C H A P. XXIII.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1801.

An ACT to incorporate a company for building bridges over the Great Falls and the Little Falls of Gunpowder, in Baltimore county, and Winter's run, in Harford county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is considered by this general assembly, that the erecting of good substantial bridges over the Great Falls and the Little Falls of Gunpowder, in Baltimore county, and Winter's run, in Harford county, where the post-road leading from Baltimore to Philadelphia intersects the same, would greatly add to and essentially promote the public convenience; therefore,

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