

C H A P.  
LIII.  
Commissioners  
may deviate,  
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the commissioners in the said original act named, or any two of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, if they shall deem it expedient, to deviate from a direct line in laying out and opening said road, and to lay out and open the same upon such suitable ground as the persons interested therein may agree upon, any thing in the original act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding.

And may issue  
their warrant,  
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, shall think himself, herself or themselves, aggrieved in the valuation of the damages to be ascertained by the commissioners, or any two of them, agreeably to the directions of the original act, that the said commissioners, or any two of them, shall and they are hereby authorised and required to issue their warrant to the sheriff of the county, to summon twelve disinterested freeholders of said county, to appear on the premises, on a day by the said commissioners to be appointed, and the said commissioners are hereby authorised to administer an oath to every person so summoned, that he will, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be taken, by reason of opening said road through his, her or their land; and the persons so summoned and sworn shall thereupon proceed to value and assess the damages accordingly, of which the parties concerned, or some of them, shall have five days previous notice at the least, and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive between the parties.

Not to go thro'  
any house, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said road shall not pass through any house, garden or orchard, or through any field in which grain, flax or hemp, shall be growing, until the same shall be gathered and secured, without the consent of the owner.

## C H A P. LIV.

Passed 8th of  
January, 1803.

## An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Centre-Ville, that they experience great evils and inconveniencies from the want of sufficient powers being lodged in the commissioners of said town to make and establish such regulations and ordinances as are fitted to their particular circumstances, wants and exigencies; therefore,

Commissioners  
may enact by-  
laws, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the commissioners of Centre-Ville shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all such by-laws and ordinances as are necessary to prevent and remove nuisances; to prohibit the running of horses or driving of carts, waggons or other carriages, unreasonably fast, within the limits of the town; to restrain or prohibit gaming; to regulate and provide for the sweeping of chimnies, by the neglect of which the safety of the town may be endangered; to prohibit the firing of guns or pistols within the limits of the town; to prevent the storage of gunpowder, or other combustible matter or article, in such quantities or places within the town as may be deemed dangerous to the safety of the same; to provide for improving and amending the streets, lanes and alleys; to make such regulations as may be useful and necessary relative to public wells and pumps; to cause a just and fair assessment and valuation of all the personal property within the limits of said town to be made and returned to the commissioners annually, and to impose and levy on the property so directed to be assessed and valued such sum or sums of money, in just and fair proportions, according to valuations aforesaid, as the commissioners shall deem necessary for the improvement of the said town, provided that the whole of the said sum or sums of money, so levied as aforesaid, shall not exceed in any one year the sum of forty dollars; to make such ordinances and regulations as shall be necessary for levying and collecting annually a tax of fifty cents on every dog, and one hundred cents on every bitch, within the limits of said town, and to kill any dog or bitch whose owner cannot be ascertained; to impose such fines, penalties and forfeitures, for a breach of any of the by-laws or ordinances, as they may think proper, not exceeding five dollars for any one offence; to pass all ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to all the powers vested in the commissioners; provided, that the by-laws or ordinances of the said commissioners shall be in no wise obligatory upon the persons of nonresidents of the said town, being citizens of this state, unless in cases of intentional violation of the by-laws or ordinances previously promulgated.

Taxes, &c. how  
to be recovered,  
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all taxes, fines, penalties and forfeitures, to be imposed in consequence of this act, shall be recovered, collected and appropriated, in the same manner as is prescribed