

CHAP. 121. del connty, be, and they are hereby authorized, to levy upon the assessable property of said district, such a sum of money for the benefit of Mary Ayres, of said district, as they may think necessary for her support.

CHAPTER 121.

Passed Feb. 20, 1843. *An act to erect a Bridge or Causeway over Knapp's Narrows at Tilghman's Island, in Talbot County.*

Commissioners to ascertain most eligible plan.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Tench Tilghman, George Page and Thomas I. Sherwood, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to erect a bridge or causeway across the narrows at Tilghman's Island, of similar construction with that across the narrows of Kent Island, in Queen Anne's county, or in any other manner they may deem best, and that the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall meet on or after the first day of March next, for the purpose of ascertaining what part of the narrows would be the most eligible over which to build a bridge or causeway, and for the purpose of contracting for or otherwise causing the same to be constructed under their immediate superintendance, and at the expense of the owners of and residents on the said Island; *provided,* that the said bridge be so constructed that scows and row boats may pass under it.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners aforesaid or a majority of them shall have full power and authority to ascertain and fix on the site of the said bridge or causeway, and if the site shall be in a place different from that where the public road now crosses, and it shall be necessary to make a new road, the commissioners or a majority of them, shall have power to agree with the same owner or owners of the lands through which the said road shall pass, for so much land as may be necessary for said road, and also for the construction of said bridge or causeway, and if the owner or owners cannot agree with the commissioners or a majority of them, as to the price and value of said lands, either party may apply to two justices of the peace for said county, who shall thereupon issue their warrant to the sheriff of Talbot county, directing him to summon twenty good and sufficient jurors to appear on a day and at a place limited and appointed in the said warrant, from whom shall be struck a jury of twelve, ac-