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time hereafter, to build and erect a wharf from their land bounding on the south side of Patapsco river, in Anne-Arundel county, at the place now used as the ferry landing, which wharf may be of such breadth as to the said Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond shall seem proper, so as to be of sufficient breadth for waggons and carriages to pass and repass, and may extend into the said river as far as the south side of the channel thereof, if they should think it necessary, and the said Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, their heirs and assigns, shall have an interest, and an interest in the shoals and flats of the said river opposite to the place called Hammond's ferry, on the south side of the channel thereof, is hereby granted to the said Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, their heirs and assigns, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to add to and fill up the same for the purpose of more firmly building and constructing the said wharf.

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Passed Decem-  
ber 25, 1810.

## An ACT to lay out and make public a Road in Baltimore County.

**B**E IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Abraham Cole, junior, Thomas Scott and Thomas Lemmon, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and open, at the expense of the petitioners, a road not exceeding thirty feet in width, to commence at the eighteenth mile-stone on the Baltimore and York turnpike road, at Elie Mathew's farm, where a private road at present falls into the turnpike road, thence with the said private road to Nicholas Merryman's saw mill, thence with the said private road to Dickinson Gorsuch's grist-mill, and Nicholas Merryman's grist-mill, thence still with said private road through Nicholas Bosley's farm to Samuel Johnson's farm, thence on the nearest and best direction the nature of the ground will admit of, by M'Cabe's tavern to the Baltimore and Hanover turnpike road, at or near Hamstead, and the said road, when so laid out, and a plot of the same made out and returned to the clerk of Baltimore county court, to be recorded among the records of said county, shall for ever thereafter be deemed a public highway, and kept in repair as other public roads in said county.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, if any, and the same, when so assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the person or persons who may apply to have the said road laid out, straightened and amended, as aforesaid, to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, before he or they shall proceed to open the said road.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons through whose lands the said road shall pass, or his, her or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive himself, herself or themselves, aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages by the said commissioners respectively, it shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace, on his, her or their application, to issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, directed to any constable of the county, commanding him to summon twelve disinterested men, qualified by law to serve as jurors in the county court, to meet upon the premises on a certain day, of which six days notice at least shall be given to the party or parties interested, and the said jurors when so met, and having each first taken an oath before some justice of the peace, that he will, without favour, affection, prejudice or partiality, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be taken, by reason of opening the aforesaid road through his, her or their land, shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, if any, and such inquisition and valuation shall be final and conclusive between the parties respectively; provided, that the said road shall not pass through any house, yard, garden, meadow or orchard, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof.

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ber 25, 1810.

## An ACT for the relief of Dennis M. Burgess, John M. Burgess and George W. Willett, of Prince-George's County.

**B**E IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the judges of Prince-George's county court, be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to extend to Dennis M. Burgess, John M. Burgess and George W. Willett, of Prince-George's county, and to each of them, the benefit and relief of the act of assembly passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and the supplementary acts thereto, in the same manner as if the said Dennis M. Burgess, John M. Burgess and George W. Willett, had procured a release, in writing, from two thirds of their creditors in amount, as required by the said act, and the several supplementary acts thereto.