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deed; and on the said James Fulton executing and delivering to the said trustees such deed as the court shall direct for that purpose, it shall and may be lawful for the said court to release the said James Fulton from all debts, contracts, claims and demands, against him as one of the late firm of Alexander and James Fulton, or for which the said James Fulton was or is in any way liable as one of the partners of the said firm; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to release any claim against the said James Fulton for any debt contracted by him solely and on his own account.

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ber 25, 1810.

A Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That no stockholder in the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, shall be considered a practical mechanic or manufacturer, within the meaning of the seventh section of the act to which this is a supplement, nor as such be eligible as a director of said bank, unless he shall have actually learned and wrought at some mechanical or manufacturing trade for the term of three years at the least, and for the term of twelve months next preceding the time of his election shall have carried on, and shall then be carrying on, as his principal occupation, some mechanical or manufacturing business, in his own person or with his own funds, by workmen or apprentices employed by or working under him.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That at all future elections of directors of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, eleven and not more of the directors elected the preceding year by the stockholders shall be eligible, which shall be the eleven persons having the greatest number of votes at such election, and qualified in other respects as the original act and this supplement require, any thing in the said original act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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ber 25, 1810.

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

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Benjamin Jones, Richard Benson, Thomas Wooden, John Maclellen and John Ridgely, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and empowered to lay out and open, at the expense of the petitioners, a road not exceeding thirty feet in width, from the new cotton factory now erecting on Gwinn's Falls to the new Liberty road, on the straightest and best direction the nature of the ground will admit of, and with as little inconvenience to the land-holders as possible, and the said road, when so laid out, and the valuation herein after directed to be made shall have taken place, and a plot thereof 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 are 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, 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 nothing herein contained shall in any manner authorise the said commissioners to lay out or open the said road through the buildings, gardens, orchards or meadows, of any person or persons, without his, her or their consent.