

CHAP. 118. authorised to enquire into the condition of a certain negro named George Lightner, alias George Warner, heretofore convicted in said court for felony, and sold out of the State in pursuance of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter two hundred, and if they should ascertain that the said negro was a slave, then the said court is required to order the sheriff to pay over to the master of the said slave, the nett amount of the proceeds of sale of said slave.

If a slave, &c

CHAPTER 118.

Passed Mar. 20, 1840. *An act entitled an act to provide for the appointing of Commissioners to assess and award damages to sundry citizens of Carroll County.*

Preamble

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly by the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll county, that by an act of Assembly passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirty-four, chapter one hundred and ninety-five, and a supplement thereto, passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter fifty-nine, certain commissioners were appointed to lay out and open a road from Philip Nichodemus's mill in Frederick county to Christian Groves' Tavern in Baltimore county, and to assess damages, &c. and whereas, said road has been laid out and opened, and many persons whose lands it has passed through to their great injury have not received any compensation for damages done by the opening of said road—Therefore,

Commissioners to view road and assess damages

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of tax for Carroll county to appoint, on or before the first day of July next, three disinterested persons, citizens of said county, as commissioners, to view said road, so far as it passes through Carroll county, and to assess and award such damages to each and every person whose lands said road passes through as they may think just and right, they taking into consideration both the advantages and disadvantages to said persons; and it shall be the duty of said commissioners to make a return to the commissioners of tax for said county, on or before the first day of August next, the amount of money awarded to each person as aforesaid.

To make return

Levy to be made

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the commissioners of tax for said county in their discre-