

Passed Mar. 17 1840. *An act to condemn and lay off a Lot of Ground for a Public Landing, on a certain Tract of Land, called Rich Neck, in Saint Mary's County, and to make a Public Road therein mentioned.*

Commissioners appointed to lay out public landing

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That William H. Hebb, Thomas Loker and Cornelius Combs, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out, survey, mark and bound a piece of ground of such size and extent as they, or a majority of them, may deem expedient, for a public landing on the farm called Rich Neck, on the head waters of Saint Mary's river, in such a form as the nature of the ground and the convenience of the owner or owners of said farm will permit.

To make public road

Proviso

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised to condemn and make public a road, leading from Saint George's road, through said farm called Rich Neck, to said public landing; *provided,* that nothing in this act shall be so construed, as to prevent the owner or owners through whose land said road may pass, from having the privilege of keeping a free gate or gates on said road.

Return of plat to be made

Proviso

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby directed to return a plat of said landing and road, when surveyed, marked, laid out and made public as aforesaid, to the clerk of the county court, to be by him recorded, which landing and road shall forever hereafter be deemed and taken as a public landing and road, and shall be kept up and repaired as other public landings and roads in said county are; *provided,* that nothing herein contained, shall in any manner authorise the said commissioners to lay out the said landing and road, through the buildings, orchards, gardens or yard of any person or persons, without his, her or their consent.

To ascertain damages

Levy authorised

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid commissioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain the amount of damages which any person or persons may sustain by the laying out and marking said lot of ground and road, which amount they shall return to the commissioners of Saint Mary's county, who are hereby authorised and directed to levy upon the assessable property of said county, a sum sufficient to cover all such damages, and pay