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plot, under their hands and seals, to the clerk of Charles county, to be by him recorded among the land records of the county; and the levy court of said county, at any meeting after the said plot shall have been recorded, are hereby authorised and empowered to appoint an overseer or overseers to keep the said road in repair, and the said levy court are hereby further authorised and empowered to levy and assess, upon the assessable property of said county, a sum of money in their opinion sufficient to survey, open and clear, said road; and the said road, when surveyed, opened and cleared, shall be a public road, and shall thereafter be kept in repair as other public roads in said county are kept in repair.

Their allowance.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall receive the sum of two dollars each for every day they shall attend in discharge of the duties required of them by this act, and the levy court are hereby empowered to assess and levy the same as other public charges are assessed and levied.

Not to go through any house, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said road shall not run through the house, yard, garden, orchard or meadow, of any person or persons, without the consent of such person or persons.

C H A P. LXXVI.

Passed 4th of Jan. 1807.

An ACT annulling the marriage of James W. Dimmett and Catharine Dimmett.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Catharine Dimmett that she intermarried with a certain James W. Dimmett about six years ago, and had issued by him two daughters, now living; that the said Catharine and James her husband, lived on together incompatible with the happiness of the conjugal union, which every day, if possible, increased; that your petitioner considers herself in hourly danger from his violence, as he not only attempted his own life, by cutting his own throat in the most barbarous and shocking manner, but he has also threatened repeatedly the life of your petitioner, thereby shewing himself free from every moral restraint, and prepared for the commission of the most desperate and bloody deeds; that he remained in one continual state of intoxication, and freely indulges in every species of irregularity; that the said Catharine Dimmett is entirely dependent upon her relations and friends for a support of herself and her infant daughters, and in consequence thereof she prays that a law may pass annulling her marriage with the said James W. Dimmett; and the allegations in the said petition being proved to the satisfaction of this general assembly,

Marriage made void, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of the said James W. Dimmett and Catharine his wife, heretofore solemnized, be and the same is hereby declared to be absolutely, and to all intents and purposes, null and void; and the said James W. Dimmett and Catharine his wife, are hereby declared to be divorced, *a vinculo matrimonii*; provided always, that nothing in this act shall be construed to illegitimate any issue of the said James W. Dimmett and Catharine Dimmett his wife, born prior to the passage of this act.

C H A P. LXXVII.

Passed 4th of Jan. 1807.

An ACT annulling the marriage of Benjamin Ferguson and Ruth his wife, of Cæcil county.

Marriage declared void, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of the said Benjamin Ferguson and Ruth his wife, heretofore solemnized, be and the same is hereby declared to be absolutely, and to all purposes, null and void; and the said Benjamin Ferguson and Ruth his wife are hereby declared to be divorced, *a vinculo matrimonii*; provided always, that nothing in this act shall be construed to illegitimate any issue of the said Benjamin Ferguson and Ruth his wife, born prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and four; provided nevertheless, that this act shall have no force or effect whatever, unless, previous to the first day of March next, the said Benjamin Ferguson shall give bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the orphans court of Baltimore county, conditioned for the payment of the sum of thirty dollars per annum to the said Ruth, during her life, so long as the said Benjamin Ferguson may live.

C H A P. LXXVIII.

Passed 4th of Jan. 1807.

An ACT to lay out and open a public road in the direction hereafter mentioned in Baltimore county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, that a road laid out from the angle of the Reister's-town turnpike