

CHAP. 189. United States has authorised and provided for the removal of the light house now on Sharp's Island in Talbot county, to another point on said Island. that John Harrington, William S. Denny, William Townsend, John H. Caulk, John Harper and John W. Kemp, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purposes of this act, and they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised, upon giving at least four weeks public notice in two or more of the most public places in the county, to assess the value of the land which may be deemed necessary for that purpose, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages attendant upon the removal of the light house, and the decision of the commissioners aforesaid shall be considered final and conclusive between the parties, unless an appeal shall be prosecuted afterwards in the manner hereafter provided.

Commissioners to value land.

Jurisdiction ceded.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the United States, upon the payment or offer of payment to the proprietor or proprietors, of the amount or value which may be ascertained and assessed by the said commissioners, or by the appellate tribunal hereinafter provided for, as the case may be, shall thenceforward be considered the true and lawful owners of the said land, and thereupon the right of jurisdiction of the State of Maryland in and over the land aforesaid shall be and the same is hereby relinquished, ceded and made over to the United States for the purposes aforesaid.

Inquisition—how, when and under what circumstances to be held.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if the owner or owners of the land so valued, assessed and condemned for the use of the said light house, his, her or their guardian or guardians, trustee or trustees, shall conceive him, her or themselves aggrieved by the valuation or assessment of the commissioners aforesaid, and shall inform the said commissioners thereof, and of their intention to appeal, in writing, within ten days after they are notified of such valuation and assessment, it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, and they are hereby empowered, to issue their warrant to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon twelve disinterested freeholders of the county aforesaid, who are qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to appear on a day to be appointed by the said commissioners on the premises, and an oath shall be administered by either of the said commissioners, or an affirmation, as the case may be, to every person so summoned, to the effect that he will, without favor or prejudice, assess the value of the land taken from the

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