

CHAP. 414. Mary's county, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, at any time within two years from the passage of this act, to enquire and determine whether the public convenience will be promoted by making public the road leading from the Horse landing, on the Patuxent river, through the lands of George Thomas, till it intersects the public road leading from Saint Joseph's Church to the Persimmon End-bridge, in said county, and also to enquire whether the public convenience will be promoted by the construction of a public landing, at Horse landing, upon the lands of George Thomas, in said county, and further to determine the quantity of land necessary to condemn for that purpose.

Commissioners to be appointed

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That should the said commissioners of tax decide that the public convenience will be so promoted, they are hereby authorised and required to appoint three commissioners, citizens and landholders of Saint Mary's county, who, or a majority of them, shall have power and authority to meet on the said land, and ascertain and determine the amount of damages which the proprietor of the land condemned shall be entitled to receive, and in doing so the said commissioners shall take into consideration the present value as a private road and landing of the said road and landing to the proprietor, and every other circumstance which may affect the value of said road and landing, and also the damages to the proprietor consequent upon the condemnation thereof, and shall certify and return to the said commissioners of tax, under their hands and seals, their valuation of the said land condemned for said road and landing and damages consequent upon said condemnation, and shall cause a plat thereof to be made by any competent surveyor, to be by them appointed, and the same when returned by said commissioners, shall be filed and preserved among the land records of the said county.

Right of appeal

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if the said proprietor feels himself aggrieved by the damages assessed by the said commissioners in their return, he shall have the right of appeal to the next term of Saint Mary's county court, after such return.

Return, etc., made binding

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That said return and damages assessed, if no appeal be taken, or if any appeal be taken, upon the confirmation thereof by the county court, as the case may be, shall be binding on the said county and the proprietor of the said land.