

CHAP. 416. nine, entitled, an act to incorporate the Baltimore and Liberty turnpike road company, through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, and shall be governed by the regulations, and be subject to the same fines, penalties, and restrictions, as the said company now is, where the same is not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

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SEC. 13. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases where damages are claimed by the owner or owners of land through which the Turnpike road, which the company incorporated by this act is authorised to make, may pass, the president and managers of said company, or a majority of them, or any other person authorised by them, may agree with the owner or owners of such land for such damages as may be sustained by him, her or them, by the said road passing through the same, or with the owner or owners of the land on which the same may be for the purchase of said land and in the case of no agreement being made, or in case the owner shall be a feme covert, under age, or non compos mentis, or out of the State, or county of Washington, the president of the said company, or any person authorised by him for that purpose, shall apply to a justice of the peace, of Washington county, which justice of the peace shall thereupon issue his warrant directed to the sheriff of said county, commanding him to summon twelve disinterested persons, qualified to serve as jurors in the county court of said county, to meet at the place where said land may lie, and the said sheriff shall qualify the said persons by oath or affirmation, as the case may be, justly and impartially to value the damages which may be sustained by the owner or owners of the land through which said road may pass in consequence thereof, and the said persons shall, after valuing the damages, return a statement in writing of the valuation so made, and a plat of such land as they may deem necessary for the use and purposes of said company, certified under their hands and seals, to be a correct statement and plat, in conformity to the provisions of this act, to the clerk of the county court, of Washington county aforesaid, to be by him recorded, a copy of which, certified under the hand and seal of the office of the said clerk, shall be evidence of any rights, titles or interests acquired by the provisions of this act, if the owner or owners of the lands so valued shall not be under legal disability to receive the amount of said valuation and give receipts therefor, the president