

open and make public a road therein mentioned, and praying that the same may be made a public road; and the prayer thereof appearing reasonable:—*Therefore,*

1812.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Walter Dyson, Charles K. Love, and Luke White Barber be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners; and they, or a majority of them are hereby authorised and empowered to review the old private road beginning at the road leading from Newport to Chaptico, near Dr. Wilson Compton's, in Charles county, and passing thence through the lands of Wilson Compton, Edward Diment and others, until it intersects the divisional line of Charles and Saint Mary's counties, and thence until it falls into a road leading from Chaptico to Charlotte Hall near the dwelling of Gerard Hayden; and to lay out, survey, mark and bound the same, not exceeding twenty feet in width; and to make a plot of the said road when laid out, surveyed, marked and bounded, and return the same under their hands and seals; one copy of such plot to the clerk of Charles county, and one other copy to the clerk of Saint Mary's county, to be by them recorded among the land records of the said counties; and the said road, when so laid out, shall be, and the same is hereby declared a public highway; and the levy courts of Charles and Saint Mary's counties, at any meeting after the said plot shall have been recorded, are hereby authorised and empowered to appoint an overseer or overseers to keep their respective portions of said road in repair, as other public roads are kept in repair in said counties; and the said levy courts are hereby further authorised and empowered to levy and assess upon the assessable property of said counties, at the time of laying the next county levy, such sum or sums of money as each of said levy courts may think sufficient to pay the expense of opening the parts of said road lying in their respective counties.

Commissioners appointed, who are empowered to lay out, survey, mark and bound a certain road. Its width A plot shall be returned to the clerk of each county. Levy courts authorised to appoint overseers, and may levy the expenses on their respective counties.

AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value the damages which any person or person may sustain, through whose land the said road may pass, by opening and clearing the same; and shall make and return to the levy courts of Charles and Saint Mary's counties, a certificate of such valuation of damages (if any) sustained, as aforesaid, in their respective counties; and the levy court of each or either of said counties (as the case may be,) shall levy upon the as-

Commissioners shall ascertain damages and return certificates to the respective levy courts. Damages to be levied on the respective counties.