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damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request, or for whose benefit such inquisition shall be taken by reason of opening the aforesaid street through his, her or their property, shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly; of which the said commissioners, or a majority of them shall have had at least five days notice, and shall return the damages so assessed, to the said justice of the peace, and such inquisition and valuation shall be final and conclusive; and the party or parties in whose favor the valuation ascertained by the said commissioners, or the damages ascertained by the said freeholders shall be made, shall be entitled to receive the same from the said commissioners, or a majority of them; and the said commissioners shall pay, or cause to be paid within the space of six months after the assessment of such valuation or damages, and before they shall proceed to affect the lands and tenements of the person or persons concerned, and upon the payment of the money, or securing the same to be paid to the person or persons through whose property the said street is intended to pass, the said commissioners may open the said street through such person or persons' property.

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CHAPTER 187.

*An act to confirm to Mary Wood, of Anne-Arundel county, certain property therein mentioned.* Passed Jan. 7, 1812.

WHEREAS, Mary Wood, of Anne-Arundel county, by her petition to this General Assembly has set forth, that in or about the year seventeen hundred and ninety-six, she intermarried with a certain Richard Wood of said county, who, in a few months thereafter deserted her, after having disposed of the greatest part of her property, which she had at the time of her marriage, and that the said Richard Wood has not been heard of since he left the state of Maryland, and the brothers and heirs at law of the said Richard Wood have threatened to deprive her of the balance of the property, by which means the said Mary Wood would be deprived of a support, being far advanced in years and very infirm; and have prayed that a law may pass, confirming to her the property now in her possession; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable:—Therefore,

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the balance of the personal property Property confirmed to her,