

thereof, together with the valuation of the damages, if any, to the landholders as aforesaid, and the expense attending the execution of this act, to be returned to the commissioners of Howard county, and any persons considering themselves aggrieved by the proceeding, and return to the said commissioners, may object to the ratification thereof before the said board of commissioners, and when ratified and confirmed by the said commissioners, and not until then, it shall be filed and recorded among the public records of the county.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said board of commissioners shall, after ratification, levy a sum of money not exceeding four hundred dollars, to defray the expenses of locating and opening said road, and when said road shall be located as aforesaid, it shall be deemed and taken as a public road, and kept in repair at the expense of the county.

Public road

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners shall take an oath that they will faithfully execute the provisions of this act, without partiality or prejudice, and shall give at least ten days notice to the proprietors of the lands over which said road may pass, by advertisement set up in the neighborhood, before they proceed to act.

Oath.

CHAPTER 273.

AN ACT for the relief of the Devises of Doctor John Stevenson, late of Worcester county, deceased, and those claiming by, from or under them, and to make valid the report of John U. Dennis and others, Commissioners, to divide the real estate of said deceased.

Passed May 26, 1852.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to the General Assembly of Maryland, by the petition of John W. Lambden and Sarah, his wife, Elizabeth K. Horsey and Elizabeth Stevenson, that upon the petition of Ebenezer Hearn and Peggy, his wife, to Worcester county court, a commission issued out of said court, to John U. Dennis and others, as commissioners, authorising them, or a majority of them, to divide the real estate of Doctor John Stevenson, late of said county, deceased, according to the last will and testament of said deceased, between his widow and three daughters,

Preamble.