

CHAPTER 227.

Passed
Mar. 10, 1854.

AN ACT to give the assent of the State of Maryland, to the building of a bridge over the Potomac river, by the Loudon and Berlin Bridge company, and to authorise the said company to purchase or have condemned land for the same.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The Legislature of Virginia has incorporated a company under the name of the Loudon and Berlin Bridge company, to build a bridge over the Potomac river, and appropriated thirty thousand dollars to assist in building the same, and the said bridge when so made, will give additional facilities to the bringing of a considerable amount of trade into this State; and whereas, the assent of this State is necessary, to enable the said company to build the said bridge; Therefore,

Assent of the
State given.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the assent of the State of Maryland is hereby given to the president and directors of the said Loudon and Berlin Bridge company, or by whatever name the proper officers may be designated and known, to build a bridge over the said river Potomac, at some suitable site near the town of Berlin, in Frederick county, Maryland, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to purchase and hold any land in this State, that may be necessary to erect thereon abutments and other fixtures, for the building of said bridge, and to make a good and convenient road to and from the same, to the public road now leading to the said Potomac river, near the said town of Berlin, should it be deemed advisable to select a site for the said bridge, other than the one to which the said road now leads; and if the said president and directors of said company, or other officers of said company or their lawful agent, shall not be able to agree with the owners thereof, for the purchase of any land which may be required for the purposes aforesaid, or in case the owners thereof shall be a feme covert or under age, non compos mentis, or non-resident of the State, application may be made to any justice of the peace of Frederick county aforesaid, who shall thereupon issue his warrant under his hand and seal, directed to the sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said

Condemnation
of land.