

1812.

CHAPTER 105.

An act to lay out and make public a road in Kent county.

Passed Dec. 21, 1812.
Preamble.

WHEREAS, Sundry respectable inhabitants of Kent county have preferred a petition to this General Assembly, praying, for certain reasons therein mentioned, that a road may be opened and laid out in said county, and the prayer of the petitioners appearing reasonable: *Therefore,*

Commissioners—they may survey and lay off said road—its width and direction—a plot to be returned.

SEC 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That James Parker, Edward Eubanks, Lewis Blackinton, Jesse Knock and William Moffit be commissioners, and they or a majority of them are hereby authorised to survey and lay off a road, (provided they after having viewed and surveyed the grounds, and considered its utility shall deem it expedient,) not exceeding thirty feet wide, in the most direct and practicable rout, beginning at the road leading from the Head of Chester to Smyrna, at any place the commissioners may agree on, and to run from said beginning in as straight a direction as the nature of the ground will admit of, and with the smallest possible injury to the individuals over whose land the said road may pass, untill it intersects the Forrest road, leading from Massy's Cross Roads to Smyrna, at or near the pass way over the Cyprus Branch on said road, and untill it intersects the Delaware line, so as the same shall not be laid out through any orchard, garden, yard or meadow of any person without the consent of the owner; and when surveyed and laid out, to return a plot thereof to the clerks office of said county, to be there filed and recorded.

Overseers may be appointed.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the levy court of said county, when a plot of the road as aforesaid shall be returned by the commissioners aforesaid, is hereby empowered at the next court thereafter, to appoint an overseer or overseers, to clear and open said road, and to levy such sum of money as shall be considered reasonable for the purpose of clearing and opening said road, and the said road when opened and cleared, shall be deemed a public road, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads in said county are.

Compensation of commissioners—how to be paid.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners shall be entitled to receive as a compensation, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents each, for every day they shall attend for the discharge of the