

## CHAPTER 207.

Passed Mar. 8, 1856. AN ACT relative to the establishment of a Light House on Drum Point, at the mouth of the Patuxent river, in Calvert county, and to cede to the United States the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, in, to, and over a site for the same.

In force. WHEREAS, the navigation of the Chesapeake bay, at the mouth of the Patuxent river, requires for its safety the establishment of a Light House, and whereas, the government of the United States has made an adequate appropriation for that object which will be applied under the direction of the Light House board, as soon as the proper site can be obtained at a just value; Therefore,

Commissioners appointed to select a site for a Light House.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Alexander Somerville, of Calvert county, and Isaac Denson, of the City of Baltimore, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to ascertain and fix a fair value upon any site or sites, which may be selected at or near Drum Point, by any authorised agent of the United States for the purpose of establishing a light house, a house for the keeper to live in, and a garden spot thereon, with a power to said commissioners to fill vacancies in their body, to fix and determine the value of the land required by the agent of the United States for the aforesaid object; and they, or a majority of said commissioners, shall be and are hereby authorised, after they have given thirty days notice in two of the most convenient newspapers, to value and appraise said land, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages to the proprietor or proprietors, attendant upon the establishment of a Light house as aforesaid, on the land aforesaid, and including in said valuation a reasonable allowance for the use and privilege of a road from the said land through the lands of any proprietor or proprietors, if any such road shall be deemed or found necessary, and the decision of a majority of the commissioners aforesaid shall be considered conclusive and final between the parties, unless an appeal shall thereafter be prosecuted as is hereinafter provided; and the value of the land, together with the right of way thereto as aforesaid, being paid, or offered to be paid to said commissioners, or to the proprietor or

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