

CHAP. CXXVI.

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An Act relative to the making of a public Landing Place and Road in Somerset County.

Passed Feb 9, 1821
Commissioners, to determine whether public convenience requires a public landing, &c

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* George Jones, (of Robt.) Jesse Hughes, and Littleton Aires, be and they or a majority of them, are hereby appointed commissioners, to meet at the place commonly called Harris's Landing, on Wicomico river, in Somerset county, during the present year, and examine and determine whether the public convenience does require that a public landing should be established at or near said landing, and a public road located and opened to said landing, and if in the opinion of the said commissioners, or a majority of them, the public convenience does require that a public landing should be established, and a road located and opened to said landing, they or a majority of them, shall lay out a quantity of land for a public landing place on Wicomico river, at or near the aforementioned place, not exceeding two acres, and shall locate and open a road leading down to said landing, in such manner as they or a majority of them may think most conducive to the public benefit, and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby required to return a plot of said landing place and road to the clerk of Somerset county, there to be recorded, together with an estimate of the damages sustained by any person or persons whose land may be taken, laid out, and appropriated as aforesaid.

2. *And be it enacted,* That if the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be of opinion that the public convenience does require that a landing should be established at or near the aforementioned place, and a road located and opened as aforesaid, they shall report the same in writing to the levy court of Somerset county, and if the levy court, or a majority of them, shall approve of such opinion, the said court is hereby empowered and directed to assess and levy the amount of such damages as shall be ascertained by the commissioners aforesaid, which sum of money shall be levied, collected and paid over, as other county charges are levied, collected and paid over.

If determined that a landing should be established, to report the same to the levy court, &c

3. *And be it enacted,* That if the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall be of opinion that the public convenience does not require that a landing place should be established at the aforementioned place, and a road located and opened, they shall report such opinion in writing to the levy court aforesaid; and each of the commissioners hereby appointed, shall have an allowance of two dollars for each and every days attendance in discharge of the duties herein required, to be levied, collected and paid over, as other county charges are levied, collected and paid over.

If decided that public convenience does not require it, to report, &c

4. *And be it enacted,* That if any person through whose land said road may pass, or whose land may be condemned for the landing aforesaid, shall conceive themselves aggrieved, either by the assessment of damages or by the location and condemnation as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such person or persons to pray an appeal from the decision of said commissioners, or the said levy court, to the judges of Somerset county court, who are hereby authorised and empowered to empanel a jury,

Damages, how to be ascertained