

plot and certificate of said road to be made out and returned to the justices of the levy court of Kent county; and if the said justices of the levy court shall be of opinion that the said road has been laid out a proper width by the said commissioners, then the said plot and certificate shall be recorded by the clerk of said county; whereupon it shall and may be lawful for the said justices of the levy court, to levy on the assessable property of said county, at such time or times as they may think most convenient to the public, such sum or sums of money, as they may deem necessary for widening and straightening the said road, and to appoint and employ an overseer to widen and straighten and clear said road, agreeably to the plot and certificate so as aforesaid to be returned and recorded; and the said road, when opened or widened as aforesaid, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be, for ever thereafter a public road, and shall be kept in repair as other public roads in said county.

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2. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall value and ascertain the damages that may be sustained by each and every person through whose lands the said road may pass, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages to each, and return the same assessment, together with the plot and certificate as above required, to the said justices of the levy court; and if the person or persons through whose lands the said road shall pass, shall consider themselves aggrieved by the judgment of the commissioners, the party deeming himself so aggrieved may apply to two justices of the peace of the county, who shall forthwith issue their warrants to the sheriff of said county directed, commanding him to summon a jury of twelve impartial men, to appear before the said justices at some convenient place by the said justices assigned, to ascertain the damages which he, she or they, may sustain, and the said justices shall certify the same, under their hands and seals, to the said commissioners, who shall return the same to the levy court of said county, and the said justices of the levy court shall be, and they are hereby authorised, to levy the amount of said damages on the assessable property of the said county, at such time or times as they may think most convenient for the public, and the same shall be paid over to the persons respectively who may be damaged by the widening and straightening of the said road.

Damages

3. *And be it enacted*, That each of the said commissioners shall be entitled to receive, as a compensation for his services, every day he may be engaged in performing the duties required by this act, a sum not exceeding two dollars per day, the same to be ascertained by the said justices of the levy court, which is hereby directed to be levied, collected and paid, as other county levies are.

Compensation

CHAPTER 180.

An act to make permanent the act, entitled, An act to alter and amend the act, entitled, An act for the encouragement of such persons as will undertake to build Water Mills.

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Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the act of December session eighteen hundred and sixteen, entitled, An act to alter and amend the act, entitled, An act for the encou-

Act made permanent.