

2. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable said George G. Simmons to sell or dispose of the said negro slaves imported by virtue of this act, until the said slaves shall have resided within this state three whole years next preceding such sale, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and disposition by law for *bona fide* debts, or consequent upon intestacy.

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Not to be sold for three years

CHAPTER 26.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and open a Road in Cecil County.

Passed Jan. 6.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any person or persons, through whose lands the road authorised to be laid out and opened in Cecil county, by an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and sixteen, chapter one hundred and ten, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Cecil county, shall pass, or his, her, or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive him, her or themselves, aggrieved by the valuation of the commissioners acting under the said act, it shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace of Cecil county, on his, her, or their application, to issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, directed to the sheriff of the said county, commanding him to summon twelve disinterested men, qualified by law to serve as jurors in the county court, to meet upon the premises on a certain day, of which six days notice shall be given to the party or parties interested; and the said jurors, when so met, and having each taken an oath before some justice of the peace that he will, without favour, affection or partiality, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request the said inquisition shall be taken, by reason of opening the aforesaid road through his, her, or their land, shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, if any, and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive between the parties respectively.

Justice on application to summon jury to assess damages.

CHAPTER 27.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a Lottery to raise a sum of money for building a Masonic Hall in Elkton, Cecil County.

Passed Jan. 6.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the commissioners appointed to carry into effect the provisions of an act of the general assembly, passed at December session eighteen hundred and sixteen, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for building a Masonic Hall in Elkton, Cecil county, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery or lotteries, and sell and dispose of the tickets in Baltimore, or in any other part of the state, for raising a sum of money not exceeding ten thousand dollars, instead of three thousand as contemplated by the original act to which this is a supplement, for the purpose of purchasing a lot of ground, and erecting thereon a Masonic Hall in Elkton Cecil county.

Commissioners to propose a scheme &c.