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Lot to be condemned for a public landing

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and empowered, in their discretion, to lay out, mark and bound, a lot of ground at or near to George Presbury's landing, not less than forty perches long and four perches wide, along the edge of the water, at low-water mark, and condemn the same as a public landing for the use of the citizens of Harford county; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised and empowered to lay out and open a road, to begin at some convenient point on the road authorised to be laid out by the first section of this law, near the upper end of William Patterson's field next to Doctor Thomas Archer's, thence on the best direction the nature of the ground will admit to intersect the post road, thence in the nearest and best direction, and with the least possible individual injury, to the aforesaid landing place; *Provided*, that the said roads shall not be made to pass through the buildings, yards, gardens or orchards, of any person or persons, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof first had and obtained.

Proviso

Plots to be made

3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to cause a plot and certificate of said roads and landing place to be made out and returned to the levy court of Harford county, whereupon the said levy court be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to levy upon the assessable property of the said county such sum of money as they may deem necessary for opening and clearing said roads, and shall appoint an overseer or overseers for that purpose; and the said roads, when so opened and cleared, and the building place laid out as aforesaid, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be, for ever thereafter, public roads and landing place, and shall be kept in repair as other public roads in said county.

Damages

4. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall value and ascertain the damages that may be sustained by any person or persons through whose lands the said roads may be made to pass, and by opening the landing place aforesaid, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, (if any) and the damages so ascertained shall be levied and assessed as other county charges in said county are, and shall be paid over to the persons respectively entitled to receive the same; *Provided*, that no money shall be levied or assessed for the purpose of paying the damages to be ascertained as aforesaid until the said roads and landing place are opened and cleared agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Proviso

Oath of commissioners

5. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners before they proceed to act shall take an oath, or affirmation, before some justice of the peace, that they will, without favour, partiality or prejudice, assess the damages sustained by the persons through whose lands the said roads may pass, or the said landing place be opened.

Commissioners allowance.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the levy court of Harford county shall allow to the said commissioners the sum of two dollars per day for every day they shall be employed in discharge of the duties required of them by this act, and a like sum for every day they attended in discharge of the duties required under the act to which this is a supplement, to be levied, collected and paid, as other county charges in said county are.

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