

An act extending to the United States the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, in, to and over certain lands on North Point and Rodkin Island at the Mouth of the river Patuxent and for other purposes.

Whereas by an act of Congress of the United States of March the third eighteen hundred and nineteen, and an act of May the fifteenth eighteen hundred and twenty, authorizing the building erecting two light houses on the Rodkin and North Point in the State of Maryland and elsewhere and whereas it has been represented to this Legislature by the agent of the United States for the erection of the light houses aforesaid that difficulties have been opposed to the execution of the work aforesaid by the proprietor of North Point in refusing to dispose of the quantity of land required at a fair and reasonable rate but demanding an unreasonable sum for the land aforesaid. And whereas this Legislature, duly appreciating the great advantages emanating from the erection of light houses, and particularly where the navigation is attended with so much difficulty and danger as at the entrance of the river Patuxent, and desirous to promote all in their power the completion of so desirable an object.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that Thomas Swaling, James P. Pope, Charles Wigham, Alben Luthicum, and Shepherd, Johns, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners, with power to fill vacancies in their own body, to fix and determine the value of certain land required by the United States for the erection of light houses on North Point, as authorized by the laws of Congress of the third of March eighteen hundred and nineteen and the fifteenth day of May eighteen hundred and twenty, and they or a Majority of them, and hereby, upon giving at least ten days notice in and or more of the public papers, in the City of Baltimore, authorized to make and report the same, taking into consideration the advantages or disadvantages attendant upon the erecting the light houses aforesaid, on the land aforesaid, and including in said valuation a reasonable allowance for the use and privilege of a road from the land aforesaid through the lands of the said proprietor or proprietors as the road now exists, towards the public road leading thence to the City of Baltimore, and the decision of the Commissioners aforesaid, or of a Majority of them, shall