

judgment is given may and shall, on the motion of the plaintiff, or of his attorney, make an order, in the nature of a writ of inquiry, to charge the jury attending at the same, or at the next term, to inquire of the damages and costs sustained by the plaintiff in such action, which said inquiry shall be made, and the evidence given, in open court, in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as in other jury trials; and after the said jury, charged as aforesaid, shall have considered thereof, they shall forthwith return their inquisition, under their hands and seals, and thereupon the said court may and shall proceed to judgment, as upon inquisitions of that kind returned by the sheriff.

An act repealed: 1722, ch. 6.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the act * of assembly, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law, and the speedier advancement of justice in relation to the assessing of damages, be and hereby is repealed.

C H A P. XLVII.

A Supplement to the act, * entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 215.

Passed 25th of Dec. 1794. * 1793, ch. 45.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That at any time, when the orphans court of a county be not in session, any two justices of the peace of such county shall and they are hereby empowered to bind out as an apprentice any child which the said court may lawfully bind out, subject to the terms, regulations and restrictions, prescribed by the act to which this is a supplement; provided always, that the contract of apprenticeship so made shall be approved and recorded agreeably to the sixth section of the said law.

Two justices may bind out any child, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said two justices shall each have one quarter of a dollar for every contract of apprenticeship made before them as aforesaid, to be paid by the master.

Their allowance.

C H A P. XLVIII.

An ACT for building a bridge over Tuckahoe creek, below the place where the old bridge now stands. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 216.

Passed 26th of Dec. 1794.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of Talbot, Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that the bridge over Tuckahoe creek is in a ruinous and almost impassable condition; and have in their petition stated the advantages that would result by the erecting a new bridge over said creek, about three hundred yards below the place of the old bridge, and it appearing that by building the new bridge, as prayed for, and altering part of the public road as may be necessary so as to pass over the same, will shorten the distance for travellers, and add to the convenience and advantage of the said three counties: And whereas the bridge heretofore built was done and kept up at the expence of the said three counties, the said petitioners have prayed for a new one to be erected, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds may be levied on the said counties respectively for the purpose aforesaid; wherefore, to carry the same into effect,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for Talbot county John Roberts, for Queen-Anne's county Henry Pratt, for Caroline county Philemon Downes, shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, for the purpose of building and completing the said new bridge; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are by this act authorized and empowered, as soon as it may be conveniently in their power, to cause the said new bridge to be built over the said creek, opposite a place formerly called and known by the name of The Old Rolling House, lying on the east side of the said creek, which ground; or part thereof, is now held by a certain John Corrie, of Talbot county, which said new bridge shall be built and completed in the best and most substantial manner it can for the money hereby to be granted; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are by virtue of this act, fully authorized and empowered, as they in their discretion shall think best, to agree for the said work with a contractor or contractors, for the whole, or in parcels, or they may purchase materials and hire workmen and labourers to complete the said work; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are also empowered to open and lay out, on the east side of said creek, from some fit and convenient part of the old road, a new road to lead to and cross over the said new bridge to the Talbot side, and from the foot of the new bridge on the Talbot side, to lay out and continue the said road up the said creek, and as near therewith as the situation of the ground through which the road may pass will conveniently admit of, until it intersects the road now leading from the old bridge to Easton, which intersection shall be as near the old bridge as the commissioners, or a major part of them, upon consideration of all circumstances, shall think best and most advantageous, so as to afford convenience to the public, and with as little possible injury as may be to individual property.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

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