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viduals concerned,) shall be recorded among the records of Worcester county, and shall for ever thereafter be deemed a public road, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads are kept in the said county.

Who shall ascertain damages, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose lands the said roads may pass by opening and clearing the same, and the said valuation shall be made and paid before the commissioners shall proceed to open and clear the same; and in case any proprietor or proprietors shall conceive him, her or themselves aggrieved by the valuation of the said commissioners, or shall be an infant, *feme-covert*, or *non compos mentis*, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, on the application of any person interested, to apply to any justice of the peace for the county of Worcester, who shall thereupon issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, to the constable of the hundred wherein such lands may be, commanding him to summon twelve freeholders, disinterested in the said road, to appear on a day by him to be appointed, on the said lands, at which time such freeholders so summoned shall respectively appear before such justice, and take the following oath, or affirmation, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will honestly value the damage and injury sustained by C. D. by opening a road through the lands of the said C. D. in pursuance of this act;" and shall return an inquisition of such damages by them assessed to the clerk of the county court of Worcester, and the damages so assessed shall be conclusive.

By whom to be paid, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the persons who may conceive themselves interested or benefited by such roads, are hereby required to pay into the hands of the commissioners aforesaid, for the use of the person or persons in whose favour such valuation may be made, immediately upon laying out the roads aforesaid, whatever damages be as aforesaid adjudged to the party sustaining such damages, and in case of failure of payment as aforesaid, this act to be null and void, but in case of compliance with the provisions of this act, the said roads to be considered as public roads, and to be kept up as public roads in said county.

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Passed 24th of Dec. 1795.

An ACT for the benefit of Mary Jackson, and others, securities of William John Jackson, late sheriff of Prince-George's county.
Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 339.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Mary Jackson, administratrix of William John Jackson, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, and Clement Hill, James Warring, William D. Beall, William Ferguson, Tobias Belt, Humphrey Belt, John M. Burgefs and Charles Burgefs, securities for the said William John Jackson, late sheriff of said county, have, by their petition to this general assembly, set forth, that the said William John Jackson, late sheriff of Prince-George's county, is lately deceased, and that they apprehend large sums of money are due from and to the said Jackson, as sheriff of Prince-George's county, and prayed that an act may pass authorising them, the said widow and securities, to collect and settle the said debts; and the prayer of the said petition appearing reasonable,

M. Jackson, &c. invested with power, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Mary Jackson, Clement Hill, James Warring, William D. Beall, William Ferguson, Tobias Belt, Humphrey Belt, John M. Burgefs and Charles Burgefs, be and they are hereby invested with like power and authority, until the twentieth day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, to receive, collect and execute for, all arrears, public dues, officers fees, and other balances due to the said Jackson, as sheriff of Prince-George's county, in as full and ample manner as he the said Jackson had as sheriff at the time of his death; and the said widow, and securities, shall have the like power and remedy to settle with the deputies of the said William John Jackson as he the said Jackson in his life-time had, and to compel payment of any money due from them, or any of them; and all monies, when collected, shall be applied and paid by them, the said widow and securities, as the said William John Jackson, on his receipt thereof, ought to have paid and applied the same, and the balance, if any, after deducting any allowance or compensation which may be made to any person or persons that may be appointed to make and finish the collection of the debts or fees due to the said Jackson, as sheriff, shall be considered as the personal estate of the said William John Jackson, and disposed of as such; and the said Mary Jackson, widow of, and the afore-mentioned securities for, William John Jackson aforesaid, may take such bond and security of the person or persons which may be appointed to make and finish the collection aforesaid, as they may think necessary for the performance of the trust; provided, that nothing in this act shall discharge any of the securities, or the said administratrix, and that no greater

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