

oners for the purpose of laying off a road from Martin's ford, on the north branch of Patowmack, to intersect the main road leading from the mouth of George's creek to Cumberland, in the most direct and convenient way, so as to intersect the same; and the said road, when so laid out, opened, cleared and completed at the expence of the petitioners, and after the valuation herein after directed to be made, and the damages hereby directed to be assessed, shall be paid or secured to the individuals concerned, shall be recorded among the records of Allegany county court, and be thereafter deemed and taken to be a public road for ever, and shall be kept in repair in manner and form hereafter directed.

C H A P. LV.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall ascertain and value what damages such road running through any persons land shall amount to, which shall be paid to the person so damaged by the parties petitioning for, or wishing said road.

Who shall ascertain damages, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all persons subject to labour on, or otherwise keep in repair, public roads, and living on the following tracts or parcels of land, to wit: The Cove, Long Bottom, and lot number three thousand five hundred and eighty-one, shall be subject to an overseer, to be appointed as other overseers are appointed in Allegany county, and shall labour on, or otherwise keep in repair, the road aforesaid, and shall not be liable to labour on, or keep in repair, any other public road in said county.

Persons to be subject to an overseer, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said road shall not exceed twenty feet in width, and shall not go through any orchard or meadow, unless with the approbation of the owner or owners thereof.

Not to exceed 20 feet wide.

C H A P. LVI.

An ACT to establish and confirm certain acts done by persons holding offices of trust and profit under the government of the United States. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 115.

Passed 15th of Jan. 1799.

WHEREAS persons in several of the counties of this state have continued to act as associate justices of the county courts, or as justices of the peace, or as justices of the orphans courts therein, after having accepted offices of profit and trust under the government of the United States, and doubts are entertained as to the validity of all acts done before or by them;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person holding an office of profit or trust under the government of the United States, since the thirtieth day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, hath, at the same time, acted as justice of the peace, or as an associate justice, or as a justice of the orphans courts within this state, under a commission from the executive thereof, that each and every act done by or before such person in the capacity of a justice of the peace, or as associate justice, or justice of the orphans courts, within the proper limits of his jurisdiction, shall be and the same are hereby declared valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes.

Certain acts declared valid, &c.

By 1799, ch. 68, such acts done since December 22, 1792, are confirmed, and a fine, not exceeding 100 dollars, is imposed on persons so situated acting under this state after the first of March, 1800.

C H A P. LVII.

An ACT to enable the justices of Kent county court to cause to be transcribed the records and papers therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 116.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that sundry of the record books and other papers belonging to the orphans court of Kent county are much defaced and injured, and by being suffered to remain in their present state they may be entirely useless, and the inhabitants of said county would be much injured thereby; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Kent county court shall and they are hereby authorized and required, to cause all such record books and papers belonging to the orphans court of said county as have been defaced and much injured, and such as they, in their discretion, may think necessary, to be transcribed into new record books by some person to be appointed by the said court, and the record so transcribed shall be good in law, to all intents and purposes, as the original records from which they were transcribed.

Records to be transcribed, &c.

III. AND