faid road be twenty feet wide, and when opened and laid out by the CHAP. taid commissioners, or any three of them, agreeable to this act, be deemed, taken and established, to all intents and purposes, as a public road.

III. Be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or any three of To ascertain them, ascertain the damages which the proprietors of the lands through which the faid road thall pass may respectively sustain thereby, and that the valuation made by the said commissioners, or any three of them, be paid by the said William Matthews to the person or persons thus injured, as a full recompence therefor.

IV. Be it enacted, That the commissioners aforesaid, or any three To report their proceed. of them, make a report in writing, signed by them, of their proceed- ings, &c. ings under this act, to Baltimore county court, at their next sitting after the said road is laid out, and that the same be filed by the clerk of faid court, and recorded among the records thereof.

## XII. H A P.

An ACT to lay out and establish a public road in Baltimore county.

THEREAS fundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, by Preamble. their humble petition to this general assembly, have set forth, that many of the inhabitants of said county labour under great inconvenience and disadvantage, for want of a direct road from the high way between Samuel Worthington's and Benjamin Nicholson's, by the mill of Thomas Matthews, until it intersects the main road leading to Baltimore-town, near Thomas Hooker's; that the same will be of considerable public advantage; that they are willing to make a reasonable compensation to the proprietors of the lands through which the faid road may pass; and that the distance will be greatly lessened if the said road is established; praying that a law may pass for that purpose; and it appearing to this general assembly, that the faid facts are true, and that the establishing the said road will be of general utility to the inhabitants of the county aforesaid,

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Andrew Commission-ers appointed Buchanan, Edward Cockey, Nathan Cromwell, and John Murray, &c. Esquires, be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of laying out a road leading from the high way between Samuel Worthington's and Benjamin Nicholson's, and running by the mill of Thomas Matthews, until it intersects the main road going to Baltimoretown, at or near Thomas Hooker's; and that they or any three of them be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to open and lay out the said road, agreeable to the prayer of the said recited petition, and in the manner therein described; and that the said road be twenty feet wide, and when opened and laid out by the said commissioners or any three of them, agreeable to this act, be deemed, taken, and established, to all intents and purposes, as a public road.

III. Be it enacted, That the said commissioners or any three of To ascertain them, ascertain the damages which the proprietors of the land through damages, &c.