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which the said road shall pass may respectively sustain thereby; and that the valuation made by the said commissioners, or any three of them, be paid by the said Thomas Matthews to the person or persons thus injured, as a full recompence therefor.

To report
their proceed-
ings, &c.

IV. *Be it enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid, or any three of them, make a report in writing, signed by them, of their proceedings 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 said court, and recorded among the records thereof.

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An A C T to empower the vestry of Somerset parish, in Somerset county, to sell and dispose of a part of the negroes belonging to said parish, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WH E R E A S the vestry and churchwarden of Somerset parish, in Somerset county, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that the dwelling house on the glebe belonging to the said parish is so old and out of repair that it is altogether unfit for that purpose, that it would take less money to build a new and convenient house than to repair the old one, that there is no other house of any kind on the said glebe, that there is a greater number of slaves belonging to the parish than can be employed to advantage on said glebe, that the inhabitants of the said parish have subscribed largely for the support of a minister, and that the vestry have lately agreed with a clergyman of a respectable character to officiate in the said parish as a minister, but labour under great difficulties for want of a house for his residence and that of his family, and praying that an act may pass, empowering the said vestry to sell and dispose of so many of the slaves belonging to the said parish as will enable them to build a dwelling house and other houses fit and convenient for the accommodation of the minister; all which facts appearing to be true,

Vestrymen to
sell negroes,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the vestrymen of Somerset parish, in Somerset county, be hereby authorized and empowered, after three weeks notice by advertisement in the most public places of the county, to sell and dispose of, at public sale, a part of the negroes belonging to the said parish, and with the money arising from such sale, the said vestry, and their successors, are authorized and empowered to contract with a proper person or persons to undertake, erect and complete, a dwelling house and other houses on the said glebe, fit and convenient for the residence of the minister, and in case there should be a surplus of money from the sale of the negroes aforesaid, after defraying the expences of the buildings aforesaid, it shall remain in the hands of the said vestry, and their successors, as a fund for defraying such parochial charges as they or their successors may judge expedient and necessary.