

An ACT to open and establish a public road in Dorchester county.

**W**HEREAS Michael Hall Bonwill, of Dorchester county, <sup>Preamble.</sup> by his petition to this general assembly did set forth, that he is seised of an estate in fee simple in a large body of land about six miles from the town of Vienna, on which is erected a very valuable grist mill, which he apprehends will be much more useful to the public, if he is enabled to open a road for carts and other carriages to have free access to the said mill, and prayed that an act might pass empowering him to open a road from the main road that leads from New-Market to the town of Vienna to his said mill, and from his aforesaid mill to the main road that leads from the town of Cambridge to Vienna; and it appearing to this general assembly that the aforesaid facts are true, and that the establishing the said road will be of great utility to a great number of the inhabitants of the county aforesaid;

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Joseph Richardson, Willis Newton, and James Steele, or any two of them, <sup>Commissioners appointed, &c.</sup> be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of laying out a road from the main road that leads from New-Market to the town of Vienna to the grist mill of the aforesaid Michael Hall Bonwill, and from said mill until it intersects the main road that leads from the town of Cambridge to the town of Vienna, and that they, or any two of them, be and they are hereby authorized and directed, to open and lay out the said road in the manner they shall think most beneficial to the public, and least injurious to individuals who own the lands through which said road will pass, and that the said road be twenty feet wide, and when opened and laid out by the said commissioners, or any two of them, agreeable to this act, be deemed, taken and established, to all intents and purposes of a public road.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall assess and ascertain the damages done any person or persons by the said road passing through their lands, which shall be paid by the said Michael Hall Bonwill on a day to be set by the commissioners, or any two of them. <sup>To ascertain damages, &c.</sup>

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid Michael Hall Bonwill shall be at the whole and sole expence of laying out and making said road as laid out by the commissioners aforesaid, and keep up said road as a public road at his expence for three whole years after such road is first made, and at the expiration of said three years, the justices of Dorchester county shall, and they are hereby required, to register the aforesaid road among their records, and appoint an overseer, and apportion the hands that are to work on and keep said road in repair, (except that part of said road which leads over the mill-dam of said Michael Hall Bonwill, which shall be kept up by the possessor of the mill aforesaid for the time being, under the same penalty as the owners of mills where the road passes on the dams are subject to by an act, entitled, An act for repairing the public roads in this province, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, the second day of October seventeen hundred

<sup>W. H. Bonwill to be at sole expence, &c.</sup>