

An ACT to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county:

Passed May 21.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the public roads leading from Baltimore-town to the western parts of this state, by means of the great number of waggons that use the same, are rendered almost impassable during the winter season, and the ordinary method of repairing the said roads is not only insufficient, but exceedingly burthensome; and the establishment of several turnpike roads in the said county would greatly reduce the price of land-carriage of produce and merchandise, and raise the value of the land in the said county, and considerably increase the commerce of the state;

II. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That John Ellicott, Edward Norwood and Thomas Hollingsworth, and any two of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners to examine, survey, lay out and mark, a public road from Baltimore-town towards Frederick-town in Frederick county, to the line of Baltimore county, sixty-six feet wide, and on as streight a line from Baltimore-town to Frederick-town as the nature of the country will permit; and the said commissioners are to consider, not only the distance, but the situation and goodness of the ground on which the said road is to pass; provided, that the said road shall not be carried through any building, orchard, garden or yard, without the consent of the owner or possessor thereof.

A road to be laid out from Baltimore-town towards Frederick-town, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That Charles Carnan, Robert Lyon and Henry Willson, and any two of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners to examine, survey, lay out and mark, a public road from Baltimore-town to Reister's-town, in the said county, of the width aforesaid, and in the manner aforesaid.

From Baltimore town to Reister's-town.

IV. And be it enacted, That Charles Walker, Cornelius Howard and Richard Owings, or any two of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners to examine, survey, lay out and mark, a public road from Reister's-town aforesaid to Winchester-town, of the width aforesaid, and in the manner aforesaid.

From Reister's-town to Winchester-town.

V. And be it enacted, That Nathan Cromwell, Electus Lemmon and George Pace, or any two of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners to examine, survey, lay out and mark, a public road from Reister's-town aforesaid towards Hanover-town to the line of Baltimore county, of the width aforesaid, and in manner aforesaid.

From Reister's-town towards Hanover-town.

VI. And be it enacted, That Benjamin Griffith, Elijah Merryman, Richard Johns, Thomas Gift and William Gwinn, or any three of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners to examine, survey, lay out and mark, a public road from Baltimore-town towards York-town to the line of Baltimore county, of the width aforesaid, and in manner aforesaid.

From Baltimore-town towards York-town.

VII. And be it enacted, That Otho Holland Williams, Charles Ridgely, son of William, Benjamin Nicholson, James Gittings and Daniel Bowley, and any three of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners of review of the said roads, and of the proceedings of the said commissioners in virtue of this act; and the commissioners aforesaid, appointed to survey and lay out the said roads, after they shall have laid out and marked the same, are hereby directed to return the courses and plots thereof, with their remarks and observations thereon, to the said commissioners of review, who are hereby authorized and required to view and examine the several roads aforesaid, and thereafter to confirm, correct and alter, the same, as they shall adjudge proper; and the said commissioners of review shall cause to be made out three fair plots and certificates of the said roads, containing the courses thereof, and such other descriptions as they may think necessary, and they shall sign their names to each plot and certificate, and return one certificate and plot to the clerk of Baltimore county, and another to the commissioners of Baltimore-town, to be by them respectively recorded, and they shall deliver the third to the commissioners appointed to lay out the said roads

Commissioners of review appointed, &c.