

C H A P. XXXI.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the post-road from Havre-de-Grace to Baltimore-town. Passed December 27.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of John M'Comas, of Harford county, that in consequence of the before recited act, the commissioners therein nominated laid out a part of the said road through his land, and that a jury was summoned to value the damages, who, by reason of a misconception of the law, did not allow him an adequate compensation for the injury sustained; which allegation is supported by a certificate under the hands of ten of the said jury, setting forth, that from a misconstruction of the law under which they acted, they valued the damage considerably lower than otherwise they would have done; Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of Harford county court be and they are hereby directed and empowered to issue their warrant, directed to the sheriff of said county, commanding him to summon and return a jury of good and lawful men of his county, not including any of the former jury, to be and appear before one or more justices of the peace for the said county, on the premises, at a certain day in the said warrant expressed; which jury, upon their oath, to be administered by some justice of the peace, shall inquire who is or are the owner or owners of the land over which the road runs or passes, and what damages such owner or owners will sustain by reason and occasion of carrying such road over and through the said land, and the said jury are hereby required to consider the convenience and benefit, and the disadvantages, if any, by reason of such road passing through such land; and the said sheriff shall return the inquest of the jury, under his and their hands and seals, to the justices of the county court aforesaid; and the damages so valued and ascertained, shall be paid in the same manner as directed by the said act to streighten and amend the post-road aforesaid, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Justices to issue their warrant, &c.

C H A P. XXXII.

An ACT for making an alteration in the turnpike road in Baltimore county. Passed December 27.

WHEREAS John Haffelbach, of Baltimore county, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that he is the owner and possessor of a tract or parcel of land situate on the old road leading from Baltimore to Reister's-town, on which there has been, for several years, large and valuable improvements, and that the establishment of the turnpike in Baltimore county has removed the said road from his said property, by which a considerable quantity of meadow has been destroyed, a number of lots rendered totally useless, and his said property materially injured, and the difference between the said roads only about four perches; and prayed that a law may pass for altering the turnpike road so that the same may pass by his said property; and this general assembly having thought proper to grant the same, Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said John Haffelbach, his heirs or assigns, shall be and hereby are authorized and empowered to lay out and open a road, of the width of the present turnpike road, beginning for the same at the north-west side of the present turnpike road, and, at an angle made in the said road, by the house of Isaac Van Bibber, and running from thence north twenty-nine degrees west seventeen perches, then north seventy-one degrees west, by the house of the said John Haffelbach, to intersect the present turnpike road in such direction as shall be approved of by the commissioners of review under the act of assembly for laying out turnpike roads in Baltimore county; and the said road, when so laid out and opened, and the damages herein after directed to be assessed, paid or secured to the individuals concerned, shall be, by the said John Haffelbach, his heirs or assigns, and at his and their expence, well and sufficiently ditched, paved and secured, in such manner as the present turnpike road from Baltimore-town to Hook's-town is paved, J. Haffelbach to lay out a road, &c.