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V. **And be it enacted,** That the commissioners of the said town, or a major part of them, shall have full power to employ a clerk, who shall be under oath, fairly and honestly to enter into a book, to be kept for that purpose, all the proceedings of the said commissioners relating to the said town, in which book, among other things, shall be kept a fair plot of the said town, describing every lot by its number, and who the taker-up or purchaser was or shall be; and the said books shall always be open to the inspection and examination of the said commissioners.

C H A P. XXI. Commissioners to employ a clerk.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, are empowered to levy, assess and take, by way of distress if needful, from the inhabitants of the town, by even and equal proportion, the sum of ten pounds current money yearly, to be paid to their clerk, and also they shall have power to remove or displace their clerk as often as they shall think fit.

And levy money, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That the parcel of ground so as aforesaid laid out by the said George Gale into lots, when surveyed by the commissioners aforesaid, shall be, for ever hereafter, called and known by the name of Chesapeake.

Ground called Chesapeake.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to alter the public road leading from Miles river ferry through the lands of Jacob Loockerman, of Talbot county.

Passed December 24.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Jacob Loockerman, of Talbot county, that the public road leading from Miles river ferry through his lands operates greatly to his prejudice: And whereas it appears that the alteration of the said road will meet with the approbation of many individuals immediately affected by the said alteration, and that the same cannot injure the public; therefore,

Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted,** by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Hayward, Perry Benson, junior, and William Dawson, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to alter and change the said public road that leads from Miles river ferry through the lands of the said Jacob Loockerman, of Talbot county; and in order for that purpose the said commissioners, or any two of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay off a road, not exceeding thirty-two feet wide, and also a space of ground sufficient for a landing by the water side, not exceeding half an acre, the same to be laid off where the said commissioners shall think most convenient and proper on the said Loockerman's land, and the said road to be laid off as aforesaid shall begin at the said landing, and to be laid off on the said Loockerman's land until it intersects the land of John Gordon, and from thence on the division line of the lands of the said Jacob Loockerman, and the said John Gordon one hundred and sixteen perches, and from thence south forty degrees west one hundred and sixteen perches, till it intersects the public road now leading to Miles river ferry; and the said commissioners, or any two of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to ascertain and value what damage may arise to any person through whose land the said road may pass, and the said Loockerman is hereby required to pay into the hands of the said commissioners, for the use of the person or persons in whose favour such valuation may be made, immediately upon the laying out of the said road, and before the same is opened, whatever damages may be so as aforesaid adjudged to the person or persons sustaining such damage; and the said road and landing, laid out and opened as aforesaid, shall thereafter be considered as a public road and landing, and kept up at the public expence.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners, or any two of them, are hereby authorized and required to make, or cause to be made, a plot of the said road and landing, to be laid off as aforesaid, and endorse on the same a certificate of the valuation money having been paid to the proprietor of the land aforesaid, and shall return the same, under their hands and seals, to the clerk of the county court, to be by him recorded, which shall for ever thereafter be sufficient evidence

Who shall make a plot, &c.