

Passed December 24.

An ACT for enlarging the capital of this state in the Patowmack Company.

Treasurer to subscribe, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore of this state be and he is hereby authorized and directed to subscribe, in behalf of this state, forty shares in the augmented capital of the Patowmack Company, and to pay the sum of five hundred and seventy-seven dollars and seventy-eight cents on each of said shares; and the said treasurer shall receive the proportion of tolls which shall from time to time be due to the state for said shares, and the said treasurer shall have a right to vote for said shares in person, or by proxy appointed by him.

But not until notified by the president, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the treasurer shall not subscribe for any share in the said company until the president thereof shall notify to him, in writing, that the whole of the residue of the said shares are subscribed for; and the payment of the shares subscribed for by the treasurer shall be made at the times and in the proportion required of the individual stockholders in the said augmented capital.

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An ACT authorizing the laying out certain roads in Worcester county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, that the laying out a road from the Locust landing to intersect the main road leading from Snow-Hill to Philadelphia, as also another road from William Davis's shop to Cornelius Ennis's landing, would be of general public advantage;

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Messieurs Joshua Prideaux, Edward Henry, George Purnell, William Purnell and Littleton Robins, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to open and clear, at least twenty feet wide, the said roads, in the manner following, viz. The said first mentioned road from the said Locust landing to intersect the road leading from Snow-Hill to Philadelphia, and the said last mentioned road from the said William Davis's shop to the said Cornelius Ennis's landing, and the said roads, so opened and cleared (after the valuation herein after directed to be made, or the damages herein after directed to be assessed shall be paid, or secured to the individuals concerned,) shall be recorded among the records of Worcester county, and shall for ever thereafter be deemed a public road, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads are kept in the said county.

Who shall ascertain the damages, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose lands the said roads may pass by opening and clearing the same, and the said valuation shall be made and paid before the commissioners shall proceed to open and clear the same; and in case any proprietor or proprietors shall conceive him, her or themselves aggrieved by the valuation of the said commissioners, or shall be an infant, feme-covert, or *non compos mentis*, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, on the application of any person interested, to apply to any justice of the peace for the county of Worcester, who shall thereupon issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, to the constable of the hundred wherein such lands may be, commanding him to summon twelve freeholders, disinterested in the said road, to appear on a day by him to be appointed on the said lands, at which time such freeholders so summoned shall respectively appear before such justice, and take the following oath, or affirmation, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will honestly value the damage and injury sustained by C. D. by opening a road through the lands of the said C. D. in pursuance of this act;" and shall return an inquisition of such damages by them assessed to the clerk of the county court of Worcester, and the damages so assessed shall be conclusive.

IV. And