

they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and open, at the expence of the said Andrew Gore and James Cooper, a road, not exceeding thirty feet wide, in such direction as the situation of the ground will admit, from Andrew Gore and James Cooper's mill, in Baltimore county, to intersect the road leading from Elias Brown's plantation to Elk-Ridge Landing, and to lay out a road from the said Gore and Cooper's mill to intersect the old road leading from the city of Baltimore to Frederick-town, at or near John Cord's blacksmith's shop, in Anne-Arundel county, and the said roads, when so surveyed, laid out and opened, and the valuation herein after directed to be made shall have taken place, shall be recorded in Baltimore county court, and shall be deemed and taken to be public roads for ever thereafter; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the levy courts of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel counties to apply any part of the money levied in said counties to the repairs of the said roads, or of either of them.

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LXIV.

III: AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said roads shall pass, and the same, when so assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the said petitioners, before the said commissioners shall proceed to open the said roads; provided always, that if any person or persons through whose land the said roads shall pass, or his, her or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive themselves aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages by the said commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or any two of them, to issue their warrant to any sheriff of the county, to summon twelve freeholders of the county, not interested in the premises, and qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to appear on a day by them to be appointed on the premises; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized to administer an oath to every person so summoned, that he will, without favour, affection, prejudice or partiality, assess the damages sustained by the person at whose request such inquisition shall be taken, by reason of opening the aforesaid roads through his, her or their lands; and the persons so summoned and sworn shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, of which the said petitioners shall have had at least five days previous notice; and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive between the parties.

Damages to be
ascertained, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall not lay out or open the said roads through the buildings, gardens or orchards, of any person without his or her consent.

Not to go thro'
buildings, &c.

C H A P. LXV.

An ACT to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein designated.

Passed 3d of
Jan. 1800.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees of the poor in the several counties of this state in which poor-houses have been established, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to keep any number of out-pensioners, not exceeding ten in any one county at one time, and to allow each of such pensioners an annual pension, not exceeding thirty dollars, to be paid at such time or times as they shall direct; provided, that no persons shall be supported as out-pensioners except those whose peculiar circumstances may render a situation in the poor-house particularly unsuitable for them.

Trustees may
keep out-pen-
sioners, &c.

II. This act to continue and be in force for three years, and no longer.

Duration.

C H A P. LXVI.

An ACT to authorize certain commissioners to lay off a town in Prince-George's county, by the name of Van's-Ville.

Passed 3d of
Jan. 1800.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that Gabriel Peterfon Van-Horn has laid off a parcel of his lands in Prince-George's county for a town, and called the same by the name of Van's-Ville, and that certain persons are disposed to purchase lots, and make considerable improvements thereon; that it would greatly conduce to the prosperity and advantage of the said town, and secure the title of purchasers to lots in the same, if commissioners were appointed to survey, lay out and perpetuate the boundaries of, lots throughout the said town, and invested with powers to superintend and regulate the same,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Snowden, junior, Samuel Lukins, Richard Walker, John Macgill and Archibald Van-Horn, or any three of them, be and are hereby appointed commissioners, to survey, and lay out into lots, all that parcel of land heretofore surveyed by the said Gabriel Peterfon Van-Horn, and the same, which he proposed to lay out into

Commissioners
appointed, &c.