

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the sheriff of Baltimore county shall, on or before the second day of April next, at some convenient place near the premises, to be notified and appointed by the said sheriff, after having given at least ten days notice in one of the news-papers of the city of Baltimore, summon twelve freeholders, inhabitants of the said city, not interested in the premises; and the said jury, when so met, (and having individually taken an oath or affirmation, as the case may require, faithfully and impartially to do and perform all the duties imposed upon them by this act to the best of their skill and knowledge,) shall proceed to assess and impose what damage shall be paid by every person or persons holding houses or lots in and upon Second-street, between Frederick-street and the market-space, and on persons holding houses or lots on Water-street, and who have been benefitted by the opening and extension of Second-street to the market-space, to the person or persons who have heretofore been assessed to pay damage for opening and extending Second-street from South-street to the market-space, in proportion as such person or persons on Second-street between Frederick-street and the market-space and on Water-street are benefitted, and in proportion as the person or persons between South-street and Frederick-street and on South-street have heretofore been compelled to pay; and the names of the person or persons, and the sums of money which they shall respectively be obliged to pay, and which they shall be entitled to receive, shall be returned, under their hands and seals, to the register of the said city, to be filed and kept in his office; and the person or persons assessed as aforesaid shall respectively pay the sum or sums of money so charged and assessed to be paid by him or them, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent. from the time limited for the payment thereof by the said jury, to the person or persons to whom the same is directed to be paid.

C H A P.
LXXXI.
Sheriff to sum-
mon freehold-
ers, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sum or sums of money imposed and assessed upon any person or persons in virtue of this act, shall be a lien upon, and bind the property of, such person or persons, who shall, by the jury aforesaid, be assessed to pay the same.

Sum assessed
to be a lien,
&c.

C H A P. LXXXII.

An ACT for the relief of Elizabeth Townsend, and the heirs of Levin Townsend, of Worcester county.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1801.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that Levin Townsend, late of Worcester county, died intestate, leaving a widow and six small children, to wit: Eliza, Eleanor, Maria, Jenny, Sally and Matilda, all minors, and the estate of the said Levin being involved, to near or quite the amount of the personal estate of the said Levin, the property consisting chiefly of a considerable real estate, the greatest part of which is uncultivated, and consequently unproductive, and the petition of Elizabeth Townsend, widow and relict of the said Levin Townsend, setting forth, that eighty-six acres of land, part of the property of the said Levin, being detached and cut off from the original tract by a six feet ditch, and a road on the bank thereof, the ditch and road aforesaid being granted by virtue of a commission from the court of Worcester county: And whereas it is also represented, that many advantages would result to the representatives of the said Levin by being empowered to sell the eighty-six acres of land detached as aforesaid, whereby the personal estate, consisting of labouring negroes, may be preserved and kept for the benefit of the children of the said Levin, in educating and maintaining them, but if the said negroes should be sold instead of the land, it would reduce the said Elizabeth and her children to circumstances truly deplorable, and without means of support; and it appearing reasonable that if the eighty-six acres of land aforesaid was sold, and the money arising thereon applied in discharging the claims and demands against the estate of the said Levin, that the personal estate of the said Levin would be preserved, and of course afford means of subsistence to the said Elizabeth and her children, therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the orphans court of Worcester county shall have full power and authority, upon application of the said Elizabeth, and on the part of the children of the said Levin, and being satisfied that it is necessary and will be of advantage to the heirs of the said Levin, to order the sale of the said eighty-six acres of land, so detached as aforesaid, upon such terms as the said court may think proper, and to appoint a trustee or trustees for the purpose of effecting such sale or sales.

Court may or-
der a sale, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any sale or sales made by the authority of the orphans court of the said county under this act, shall be notified to, and confirmed by, the orphans court aforesaid, before any conveyance of the property shall be made, and bond, with good and sufficient security,

Sale to be no-
tified, &c.