

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT to give validity and operation to the Deed of Conveyance therein mentioned.

Passed December 23, 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the deed of conveyance from Stephen Freeman to John Cushwa, of Washington county, dated the eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and acknowledged on the eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and recorded among the land records of Washington county, shall have the same force, operation and effect, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been executed, acknowledged and recorded, according to law.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to repeal an Act for the more effectual preservation of the breed of Wild Deer in Dorchester County.

Passed December 23, 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer in Dorchester county, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and eight, be and the same is hereby repealed.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the first, second and third clauses of an act, entitled, An act for the preservation of wild deer, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, shall extend, and the same is hereby extended, to Dorchester county.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to lay out and open a Road from the Franklin Paper-Mill, on Gwinn's Falls, in Baltimore County, to the new Liberty Road.

Passed December 23, 1810.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Henry Payson, Nathan Levering, John Levering, Aaron Levering and Aaron R. Levering, that they are proprietors of a valuable paper-mill, lately erected on Gwinn's Falls, in Baltimore county, from which there is no public road to market, and that they are willing to pay the expense of laying out and opening a road from the said mill to intersect the new Liberty road, and pray that a law may pass to authorise the laying out and opening the said road; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Thomas Wooden, Thomas Wilson and Samuel Harden, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to survey, lay out and open, at the expense of the petitioners, a road not exceeding thirty-three feet wide, in the best and straightest direction which the ground will admit of, from the Franklin paper-mill on Gwinn's Falls, to the new Liberty road, in the direction towards the city of Baltimore, and return a plot of the said road, when surveyed and laid out, to the clerk of Baltimore county, to be by him filed and preserved among the records of the said county; and the said road, when opened and made at the expense of the petitioners, shall be deemed, and is hereby declared, a public road for ever, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads in said county.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on application of the party or parties interested, the said commissioners, or any two of them, shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, and the same, when so ascertained and assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the said petitioners, before the commissioners appointed by this act shall proceed to open the said road; provided always, that if any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, or his, her or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive themselves aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or any two of them, to issue their warrant to the sheriff of the county, to summon twelve disinterested freeholders of said county, to appear on the premises on a day by them to be appointed, and the commissioners are hereby authorised to administer an oath to every person so summoned, that he will, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be taken, by reason of opening said road through his, her or their land, and the persons so summoned and sworn, shall thereupon proceed to value and assess the damages accordingly, of which the said petitioners, or some one of them, shall have five days previous notice at the least, and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive between the parties.