

act of the General Assembly, passed at November session eighteen hundred and nine, was laid out through their lands, to their great injury; and considering the damages allowed them by the commissioners inadequate to the injury which they have sustained, have prayed that a law may pass authorising them to summon a jury to ascertain said damages; and the prayer appearing reasonable: *Therefore,*

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BE IT ENACTED *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said William Amos, Joshua Amos and Aquila Amos, be, and they are hereby authorised to apply to some justice of the peace for said county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant, directed to the constable of the hundred where the land lies, commanding him to summon five substantial freeholders, not related to the said petitioners, or any way interested, to be and appear on the premises, on a day to be therein expressed; which said freeholders, upon their oaths, to be administered by some justice of the peace, shall inquire and ascertain what damages said William Amos, Joshua Amos and Aquila Amos have sustained by reason of the said road having been located and opened through their lands; and the said freeholders are hereby required to consider the convenience, benefit, advantages and disadvantages occasioned by opening said road; and the constable shall return the verdict of said jury, or of the majority of them, under their hands and seals, to the levy court of Harford county; and if such jury shall not award a larger sum of money for damages sustained as aforesaid, than has already been allowed by the commissioners appointed to ascertain the damages, the said William Amos, Joshua Amos and Aquila Amos shall pay the costs of such inquiry; but in case the same shall exceed the sum allowed by the said commissioners, then the said costs shall be levied on the assessable property of said county, together with such further allowance as shall be made by said jury to the said William Amos, Joshua Amos and Aquila Amos, by the levy court of said county, and be collected and paid as other public monies are levied, collected and paid.

Justice of the peace to summon 5 freeholders to ascertain damages. Verdict to be returned to levy court.

CHAPTER 31.

*An act to authorise the Levy Court of Cecil county to open a road from the Presbyterian meeting-house in West Nottingham, to Creswell's ferry.*

Passed Dec. 27, 1811.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General As. Preamble: