

1811. Roads, in Kent county be changed, and that in future it shall be called and known by the name of Colchester.

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CHAPTER 120.

Passed Dec. 27, 1811. *An act to appoint commissioners to open a road 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 and opening a road in said county, across from the road leading from Snow-Hill to Miller's mills, to intersect the road leading from Dennis' mill to Nassaongo creek, would be of general public advantage :—*Therefore,*

Commissioners appointed, who are to lay out said road. Its width, direction, &c.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That John P Marshall, Selby Parker, Milby Alkins, Robert Givan, senior; and Thomas Jones, senior, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners ; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorised to open and lay out a road at least twenty feet wide, beginning on the north side of Elijah Laws' mill, and at the road leading from Snow-Hill to Miller's mills, and from thence running with a road cut through to intersect a road leading from Dennis' mill to Nassaongo creek, or to run in such direction as the said commissioners may think will be most convenient for the people, and of the least disadvantage to the persons through whose land the same may pass ; *Provided,* that nothing herein contained shall in any manner authorise the said commissioners to open said road through the buildings, gardens, orchards, yards or meadows of any person or persons, without his, her or their consent.

Commissioners shall ascertain damages.

AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road may pass by opening and clearing the same.

Payment of damages.

AND BE IT ENACTED, That the damages so assessed shall be paid or secured to be paid to the individuals concerned, by the persons interested in opening the said road, before the same shall be opened.

Commissioners shall return a plot to county court, to be recorded

AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby directed to make out a plot of said road as laid out and marked by them, and return the same to the clerk of Worcester county court, who shall record the same.