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CHAPTER 7.

Passed June 18,
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A further supplement to an act entitled, "An act to alter the public road leading from Miles River Ferry, through the lands of Jacob Loockerman, of Talbot county.

Commissioners appointed to build a ferry-house. They may condemn a piece of land.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William G. Tilghman, Edward Gibson, Robert Tilghman, Bennett Bracco, and Andrew Skinner, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to build a ferry-house on the ground already condemned at the ferry aforesaid; or if the said commissioners or a majority of them should be of opinion that a better site can be located for the public use, they are hereby authorised to condemn a piece of land in lieu thereof, not exceeding half an acre, convenient to the ferry; and the said commissioners or a majority of them shall proceed to value the same to the proprietor, who is to be paid by the land-holders of Miles River Neck, in Talbot county, in such proportions as the said commissioners may think proper to levy the same.

Proprietor being dissatisfied with the valuation of the commissioners, he may appeal to a jury. Jurors' oath.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said proprietor shall be dissatisfied with the valuation of the said commissioners, he may, within ten days after the said valuation, call on the sheriff of the county, who is hereby authorised to summon a jury of twelve persons unconnected with the proprietor, who shall, previous to their valuation, each take the following oath, to wit: "I, A B, do swear, that I will honestly, without prejudice or partiality, value the damages that may be sustained by the proprietor of a piece of ground in Miles River Neck, and which has been condemned for the purpose of erecting a ferry-house thereon in pursuance of this act of Assembly." And the said jury shall inspect the premises aforesaid and proceed to re-value the same: *Provided*, they shall be of opinion that injustice has been done to the proprietor thereof by the commissioners in their valuation.

Proviso.

Valuation must be paid or tendered before this law is carried into effect.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners appointed by this act, shall not proceed to carry the same into effect until they shall pay the valuation made by them or the jury aforesaid to the proprietor, or tender the same to him, should he refuse to receive it.

Land-holders shall be assessed.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall assess the land-holders in Miles River Neck for the further expense of building a ferry house and a ferry boat, unless the same shall be subscribed.