

commanding him to summon twelve disinterested men qualified by law to serve as jurors in the county court, to meet on the premises on a certain day, of which six days notice at least shall be given to the interested parties; and the said jurors when so met, and having each first taken an oath before some justice of said county, that he will without favor, affection, prejudice or partiality, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be taken by reason of opening the said road, through his, her or their land, and shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, (if any;) and such inquisition shall be conclusive and final, and the damages, (if any,) shall be paid over as aforesaid: *Provided*, Nothing herein contained shall in any manner authorise the said commissioners to lay out or open the said road, through the buildings, gardens, orchards or meadows of any person or persons, without his, her or their consent.

1812.



Proviso.



CHAPTER 75.

*An act to lay out and open a road therein mentioned, in Cecil county.*

Passed Dec. 15, 1812.

WHEREAS, Sundry respectable inhabitants of West Nottingham hundred, Cecil county, by their petition to this General Assembly, pray that a road may be opened and made from or near George Mercer's meadow, wherein a public road is already laid out, to Rock Run, to pass by James Rowland's mill, until it intersects a road from George Kidd's store, towards Creswell's ferry; and the prayer of said petitioners appearing reasonable: *Therefore*,

Preamble.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the levy court of Cecil county be, and they are hereby authorised upon the application of a respectable number of the inhabitants of said county, if the said court, upon consideration of all circumstances, shall be of an opinion that such a road would be advantageous to said county, to appoint five commissioners to survey, lay out and open a road in Cecil county, from George Mercer's meadow, where a public road is already laid out, to Rock Run, to pass by James Rowland's mill until it intersects a road from George Kidd's store, towards Creswell's ferry, in as straight a direction as the nature of the ground will admit, and with

Levy court may appoint commissioners to lay out said road—its width.