

aged by the said road, to value the same and to adjudge and assess the damages which will accrue to the person or persons so demanding the jury by reason of the said road, if any, the said jury first taking an oath, by the sheriff to them to be administered, to ascertain the true value of the land so to be occupied by the said road, and assess the damages by the person or persons requiring such jury, by reason of the said road, justly and fairly, without favor, affection or ill will to any person, and to the best of their knowledge and judgment; and the verdict to be given by the said jury shall be signed by the jurors respectively, and delivered to the said sheriff, and by him be returned to the said levy court, and the said court shall levy the sum so adjudged upon the assessable property of the said county at the laying of the next levy for the said county thereafter. But if such valuation by the jury should be less than that before made by the commissioners, the owner or owners of the land so requiring such jury shall pay all the cost of the said proceeding.

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2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners or a majority of them, and the said jury or juries as the case may be, in estimating the value of the lands so to be occupied by the road, or in estimating the damages occasioned by the running of the said road through the lands of any person or persons, shall take into consideration all advantages as well as disadvantages arising to the person or persons through whose land the said road shall run.

Estimate of
value and da-
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3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the persons who have signed the petition to the General Assembly of Maryland praying that this road may be opened having explicitly stated in their petition that they are willing to give the land for the said road, so far as the same may run through their lands respectively, no consideration or sum shall be levied or paid for the value of the land which the said road shall occupy, which belongs to any one or more of the said petitioners.

Lands of peti-
tioners not to
be paid for.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when the said commissioners or a majority of them shall have returned a plot of the said road as by them laid out and established, to the levy court of Washington county, the said court shall cause the said plot to be recorded as the plots of other public roads in the said county are recorded; and the said road shall thereupon be a public road, and shall thereupon be opened and kept in repair in the same manner that other public roads have been opened and kept in repair in the said county; and to defray the expence of doing so, the said court shall levy upon the taxable property of the said county, a sum sufficient therefor.

Plot to be re-
corded.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the said commissioners die, refuse to act, resign, or in any way be unable to act in the premises, the levy court of

Vacancies in
the board of
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ers.