

DEC. SESS.
1815.

ford county shall not levy money for opening either of the roads from Belle Air to the Susquehanna river, or to pay any damages for the same until the building of a bridge shall be commenced, at the termination thereof, that is to say, at Rock Run or the Rough Island.

CHAPTER 49.

An act to lay out a road in Baltimore County.

Passed Jan.
4, 1816.
Commissioners—width &
direction—
plot.

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Matthews, Jesse Hoshell and Joseph Jones be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they or a majority of them are hereby authorised to lay out and open at the expence of the petitioners, or any person or persons who may think proper to contribute thereto, a road not exceeding thirty feet in width, in the best and straightest direction that the nature of the ground will admit of, beginning at a county road at or near Jacob Sumburger's, from thence to William Hoffman's mill, and from thence until it intersects the old York road at or near Joseph Jones's; and the said road when laid out and opened, and the valuation herein after directed to be made shall have taken place, and a plat thereof made out and returned to the clerk of Baltimore county, to be recorded among the records of said county, shall forever thereafter be deemed a public road, and shall be kept in repair as other public roads in said county.

Damages

2. 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, and the said valuation shall be made, and the damages paid or secured to be paid to the person or persons aggrieved, before the said commissioners shall proceed to open and clear the same; *Provided*, that if any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, or his her or their guardian or trustee shall conceive him her or themselves aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages by the said commissioners, it shall be lawful for any justice of the peace of the said county on application of any of the persons interested, to issue his warrant under his hand and seal, directed to any constable of said county, commanding him to summon twelve disinterested freeholders, to appear on a day to be appointed by the said justice, on the land of the person making application, and the said freeholders having first made oath before some justice of the peace for the said county, that they will without favour affection or partiality assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be made, by reason of opening the said road through his her or their lands, shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, of which the said commissioners shall have at least five days previous notice, and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive; *Provided always*, that the said road shall not pass through any house, yard, garden or orchard without the consent of the owner or owners thereof.

Proviso's

CHAPTER 50.

An act relating to the Poor House, and public ground thereto belonging, in Cecil County.

Passed Jan.
4, 1816.
Poor house
may be sold—
proceeds.

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Mary-