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terest in the land or materials in question, and who are qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to meet at the place where said land or materials may be, on a day in the said warrant to be specified, not exceeding sixty days after the day of application by the president aforesaid; and the said sheriff shall qualify the said persons, either by oath or affirmation, as the case may be, justly, truly and impartially, to value the damages which may be sustained by the owner or owners of the land through which the said road may pass, or the materials required by said company, in which valuation, the said jury shall take into consideration the advantages and disadvantages of the said turnpike to the said owner or owners; and the said jurors shall, after valuing the damages as aforesaid, return under their hands and seals, to the justices who issued the warrant one copy of the said valuation, one other copy to the president of the company, and one other copy to the owner or owners of the said land or materials, if such owner shall reside in the county where the land lies, and shall not be under any legal disability to receive the money assessed as damages as aforesaid, and give sufficient discharges therefor; and the president and managers aforesaid shall pay, or secure to be paid, the damages so adjudged, before they shall proceed to open the said road, or remove the said materials; and if such owner or owners shall reside out of the county, or be under any legal disability, then the president, on the part of said company, shall enter into bond, conditioned for the payment of the damages assessed, to the person or persons who may be legally entitled to, and duly authorised to receive the same, and shall lodge said bond, and a copy of the said valuation, in the office of the clerk of the county court where the land lies, to be by him recorded, and upon such bond, or an office copy thereof, suit may be instituted against the obligor or obligors therein named by any person or persons entitled to receive such damages; and the justices and sheriff shall be entitled to receive the same fees as are allowed in similar cases, and the persons summoned as jurors to value the damages sustained as aforesaid, shall each receive two dollars for every day he shall attend for that purpose; which fees and allowance shall be paid by the president and managers aforesaid; and the same proceedings shall be had, if required, in case of damage done to, or apprehended by, the owner or owners of any land or tenements over or through which said road may pass.

CHAPTER 89.

An act to incorporate the Columbian Beneficial Society.

WHEREAS, Henry Wygart, Charles Peregoy, John Grant, William Kesley, David Carson, John Wright and others, have formed themselves into a society for the laudable purpose of affording relief to each other and their respective families in the event of sickness, distress or death, and have prayed an act of incorporation that they may the better execute their intentions and the legislature being desirous to promote such useful institutions, therefore,

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1, 1823.
Preamble.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Henry Wygart, Charles Peregoy, John Grant, William Kesley, James Peregoy, David Carson, John Wright, and others, that now are, or may hereafter become members of the said corporation hereby created, or may be admitted into the said corporation agreeably to the constitution, rules and by-laws of the same, and their successors, are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic forever, by the name, style and title of The Columbian Benefi-*

Incorporation