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Whereas.

Conditions.

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ing a ferry over the River Potomac, then the value of such ferry shall be assessed to such person or persons in the damages aforesaid; and *provided also*, that the damages assessed shall be fully paid or tendered to the party entitled to receive the same, before the company aforesaid shall be entitled to exercise any act of possession or ownership on the land aforesaid; *whereas*, the proprietors of Harper's Ferry have obtained from this General Assembly several acts authorising them to erect a bridge at that place, and have not availed themselves of the provisions of any of said acts; and *whereas*, it is represented to this General Assembly by the memorials of sundry respectable citizens, that they are willing, nay, desirous, that the bridge should be built by the proprietors of the ferry;—Therefore,

15. *Be it enacted*, That in case the proprietors of Harper's Ferry shall, on or before the first day of next June, exhibit to the commissioners named in the first section of this act, satisfactory evidence that they the said proprietors, have actually made and entered into a bona fide contract with some person or persons of known skill and acknowledged reputation in the art of bridge building, for the erection and completion of a bridge at Harper's Ferry, by the first day of January, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, that then every other part of this act shall be null and void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

## CHAPTER 136.

An act for opening and extending North or Hillen-street in the city of Baltimore.

WHEREAS, Hugh Thompson and others by their petition in writing have set forth to this General Assembly, that the public convenience and health of the city of Baltimore would be greatly promoted by opening and extending Hillen-street—Therefore,

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Mayor of the city of Baltimore shall appoint five persons of experience, which said five persons shall be, and they are hereby appointed a board of commissioners to open and extend North or Hillen-street from its intersection with High-street through to Jones' Falls in the following manner, to wit: beginning at the North corner of Thomas Hume's warehouse on High-street, and running thence southwardly along the north west end wall of said house, thence by the most convenient course or courses to and along the north west end wall of Richard Middleton's dwelling house, unto the west corner of said house on Jones'-street, thence southwardly to Jones' Falls in such direction as shall appear to the said commissioners least expensive and most conducive to the public convenience; the north west side or line of said street to be run parallel to the south east side and at the distance of fifty feet, so that the said street when so opened and extended shall be fifty feet in width, from High-street to Jones' Falls; and whenever a vacancy in the said board may occur by resignation, death, refusal to act or any other inability of any of the said commissioners, the said Mayor shall supply such vacancy by a new appointment, and a majority of said commissioners shall be competent to perform all the duties of said board.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid commissioners or a majority of them, after giving at least ten days notice in one of the newspapers in the city of Baltimore, after viewing the advantages and disadvantages shall proceed to value and assess on oath what damages may be sustained by any person whatever by opening and extending said street, and shall also declare what sum of money each individual or