

Passed 19th of
Dec. 1800.

An ACT, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate elections.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the commissioners appointed for Washington county, under the act of seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, entitled, An act to regulate elections, have not sufficiently designated the line of division between district number four and district number five; for remedy whereof,

Division line
ascertained,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the division line between district number four and five, in Washington county, shall be closed and completed by a line drawn due north from the head of the Green Spring furnace run, to intersect the Pennsylvania line, and that the division hereby ascertained shall be of the same avail, and have in all respects the same effect, as if the same had been particularly designated in the return of the commissioners appointed under the act to which this is a supplement.

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An ACT for opening a road leading from the town of Bladenburgh, in Prince-George's county, to the city of Washington, until it intersects the present road at or near the district line of Columbia.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, that the great mail road leading from Bladenburgh to the city of Washington is very circuitous, and passes over bad ground; therefore,

Commissioners
appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Benjamin Lowndes, Richard T. Lowndes, Thomas Dick, Patrick Daugherty and Joseph Queen, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out a public road from the town of Bladenburgh aforesaid, in the nearest and best direction that the situation of the county will admit, to the city of Washington, until it intersects the present road at or near the district line of Columbia; and the said commissioners, or any three or more of them, are hereby directed to lay out the said road with as little injury to private property as will comport with the public convenience.

Who are to re-
turn a plot, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners are hereby directed to return a plot of said road, when by them laid out, to the clerk's office of Prince-George's county, to be there recorded; and the levy court shall, after the return of said plot as aforesaid, appoint a supervisor or supervisors to open the same, and shall levy on the assessable property of said county a sum of money, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, for that purpose; and the said road, when opened as aforesaid, shall be taken for, and is hereby declared to be, a public road in said county, and shall be repaired as other public roads are repaired in said county; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the said commissioners to lay out the said road through the yard, garden, orchard or meadow, of any person without the consent of the owner thereof; and provided also, that the said road shall not be opened through the lands of any minor or minors without the consent of his, her or their guardian or guardians.

And apply to a
justice, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid, or any three or more of them, shall and they are hereby directed to apply to any justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, who shall issue his warrant, under hand and seal, directed to the sheriff of said county, commanding him to summon five freeholders, disinterested as to the lands, and not connected with any person through whose lands the said road may pass, to appear at a place and on a day by him to be appointed, and after taking the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will honestly and faithfully estimate and value the damage and injury sustained by C. D. by opening a road through the land of the said C. D. in pursuance of the directions of this act," shall proceed to ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road may pass by opening and clearing the same, and shall return the damages by them assessed to the clerk of the said county, and the damages so assessed shall be conclusive.