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now located from Richard Owing's mill to the church aforesaid will pass, that said road is crooked and may be straightened with much less injury to private property than now exists; therefore,

Commissioners appointed to ascertain whether a public road is required, &c.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Richard G. Stockett, Gustavus Warfield, Charles Sterrett Ridgely, Larkin Dorsey, of Caleb, and Gassaway Watkins, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to inquire into and ascertain whether or not a public road is required for public convenience from Richard Owing's mill to Elk Ridge Church in Queen Caroline Parish.

If required to locate the same

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall be of opinion that public convenience require the road aforesaid, they, or a majority of them, shall proceed to locate the same, taking into consideration the ground over which it shall pass, the convenience of the public, and the interest of those whose lands the road will go over, and return a plot thereof to the clerk of Anne-Arundel county court, who is hereby directed to file the same, with the plots of other public roads in the county.

To ascertain damages

3. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall also from the testimony offered, as well as from their own opinions, ascertain the damages that individuals would sustain by the opening of the road as aforesaid, to the owners of land through which it may pass, and upon such damages being assessed and paid, or tendered to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall proceed to open the road of the width of thirty feet, and it shall thereafter for ever be taken and considered as a public road.

Acts repealed.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That an act, entitled, An act to lay out and open the old road from Richard Owing's mill to Elk-Ridge Church in Queen Caroline Parish, in Anne-Arundel county, and the supplements thereto, passed at November session eighteen hundred and eleven*, be and they are hereby repealed.

* Ch. 40 and 147.

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An Act to alter and change the place of holding the Elections in the First Election District of Kent County. Lib. TH. No. 4, fol. 202.

See 1805, ch. 97.

Judges to appoint place of election.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the judges of the first election district of Kent county be and are hereby authorised and directed, to hold in future the elections in said district at such place as may appear to them most convenient.

To return a certificate of place fixed on to clerk of county

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where the judges aforesaid shall have made choice of a fit and proper place for holding said election, agreeably to the directions of this act, and shall have returned a certificate thereof, under their hands and seals, to the clerk of the county court, to be recorded, the same shall be the place of holding the elections for the first district of Kent county, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Return to be made before first June next

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a return of said certificate shall be made on or before the first day of June next, and the clerk aforesaid shall record the same among the records of Kent county.