

CHAP. I.

4. 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 or on whose lands the said road may pass, and the same, when so assessed, shall be paid before the said commissioners shall proceed to open the said road; *Provided always*, that if any person or persons through or on whose lands said road shall pass, or his, her or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive themselves aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages by the said commissioners, it shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace of said county, upon the application of the person or persons so aggrieved, to issue his warrant to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon twelve freeholders of said county, not interested in the premises, and qualified to serve as jurors, to appear on a day by the said justice to be appointed, on the premises; and the said sheriff is hereby authorised to administer an oath to the persons so summoned, that they will, without favour, affection, prejudice or partiality, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be taken, by reason of opening the aforesaid road through or on his, her or their lands; and the persons so summoned and sworn shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, of which the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have at least five days previous notice, and shall return the said damages, so assessed, to the county court of said county; and such inquisition shall be final and conclusive; and the said valuation or damages shall be paid to the parties respectively entitled to the same, before the said commissioners shall proceed to open said road.

Damages to be ascertained.

Proviso.

CHAP. IV.

*An Act for the relief of William Rickard, of Montgomery County.* Passed Dec. 31. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 194. A Private Act.

CHAP. V.

*An Act to authorise and empower the Levy Court of Worcester County to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Susanna Davis.* Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 194. Passed Dec. 31.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Sophia Davis, in behalf of her mother, Susanna Davis, that she is a very poor woman, having no means of support except by her labour, and of a very weak and infirm constitution; that she has supported her said mother, (who is now upwards of an hundred years old, and blind,) for several years past; and praying that a law may pass, authorising the levy court of Worcester county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of said county for the support and maintenance of her said mother; and the facts stated in said petition appearing to be true, therefore,

Preamble.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Worcester county shall be and they are hereby directed and empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they shall see cause, to assess and levy, on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money, not exceeding twenty-five dollars, for the support and maintenance of the said Susanna Davis, and that the same be collected annually by the collector or collectors of

Levy for support of Susanna Davis.