

Passed 8th of
January, 1803.

An ACT requiring the register of wills of Baltimore county to give daily attendance at his office.

Register to
give daily at-
tendance, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the *General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall, and it is hereby declared to be, the duty of the register of wills of Baltimore county to give daily attendance at his office in the city of Baltimore, either in person or by deputy, for the purpose of discharging the duties incident thereto.

Passed 9th of
January, 1803.
Preamble.

An ACT to lay out a road in Anne-Arundel and Baltimore counties.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Francis Holland, James Croxall, and sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Baltimore counties, that the convenience of the public would be greatly promoted by opening a road from Francis Holland's landing, on Patapsco river, until it shall intersect the road leading to the city of Annapolis, and also to straighten and amend the road leading from James Croxall's point, in Baltimore county, until it shall intersect the George-town road near Mrs. Carroll's bridge; therefore,

Commissioners
appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the *General Assembly of Maryland*, That Oliver Cromwell, Horatio Johnson and Ebenezer Steuart, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, lay out and open, a road, not exceeding thirty feet wide, in the straightest and best direction that the nature of the ground will admit, from Francis Holland's landing, on Patapsco river, until it intersects the road leading from Hammond's ferry to the city of Annapolis between Harrison's quarter and the Saw-mill run; and the said road, when so surveyed, laid out and opened, and the valuation herein after directed to be made shall have taken place, shall be recorded by the clerk of Anne-Arundel county, and shall for ever thereafter be deemed and taken to be a public highway, and kept in repair as other public roads in said county.

Who are to as-
certain da-
mages, &c.

III. 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 whose lands the said road shall pass, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, if any, and the same, when so assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the said Francis Holland to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, before the said road, after it is laid off, shall be opened and cleared.

Commissioners
appointed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Zachariah Mackubin, George Ellicott and Ezekiel John Dorsey, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to straighten and amend the road now open and used, from James Croxall's point, on the river Patapsco, until it intersects the George-town road at or near Mrs. Carroll's bridge, on Gwinn's falls, in Baltimore county, of a width not exceeding thirty feet, and the said road, when so straightened and amended, and the valuation herein after directed to be made shall have taken place, shall be recorded by the clerk of Baltimore county, and shall for ever thereafter be deemed and taken to be a public highway, and kept in repair as other public roads in said county.

Damages to be
ascertained,
&c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners last named, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose lands the road last described shall pass, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, if any, and the same, when so assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the said James Croxall, to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, within six months after the said damages shall be ascertained in the mode prescribed by this act.

On application,
justice may is-
sue his war-
rant, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons through whose lands the said roads shall pass, or his, her or their guardian or trustee, shall conceive himself, herself or themselves, aggrieved by such valuation and assessment of damages by the said commissioners respectively, it shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace, on his, her or their application, to issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, directed to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon twelve disinterested men, qualified by law to serve as jurors in the county court, to meet upon the premises on a certain day, of which ten days notice at least shall be given to the party or parties interested; and the said jurors, when so met, and having each first taken an oath, before some justice of the peace, that he will, without favour, affection, prejudice or partiality, assess the damages sustained

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