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ed, to appoint fit and proper persons as trustees, in case the said William Handy and James Ritchie, or either of them, shall die or refuse to act, and the person or persons so appointed, shall have and possess the same powers as are vested in William Handy and James Ritchie by the act to which this is a supplement.

C H A P. CXIX.

Passed 25th of
Dec 1808.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to confirm and make public a certain road therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an act of November session, eighteen hundred and six, entitled, An act to lay out and straighten a road from Towson's tavern, on the Baltimore turnpike road, to intersect the Pennsylvania line at major David Wiley's, certain commissioners therein named were authorised and required to view and lay down a correct plot of the aforesaid road: And whereas by the act to which this is a supplement, the said commissioners were directed to return said plot to the levy courts of Baltimore and Harford counties respectively: And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, that they labour under great inconvenience for want of that part of the said road that lieth between John Wise's tavern in Harford county, and William Slade's in Baltimore county, and have prayed that a law may pass confirming so much of the plot of said road, returned by said commissioners, as lieth between the said John Wise's and William Slade's as aforesaid, may be confirmed; therefore,

Plot confirmed,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the plot and survey of the said road, returned by the commissioners aforesaid, so far as the same may lie between John Wise's in Harford county, and William Slade's in Baltimore county, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and the said road is hereby declared to be a public road, and shall be kept in repair as other public roads in said counties are kept in repair; and the levy courts of Baltimore and Harford counties are hereby empowered and directed to assess and levy a sum, such as in their opinion will be sufficient to clear and open said road, so far as the same may run in either county, and to appoint an overseer or overseers to open said road.

Overseer's allowance.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the overseer or overseers appointed by either of the levy courts upon or over said road, shall be entitled to the same allowance for their services as other overseers in said counties respectively may be entitled to.

C H A P. CXX.

Passed 25th of
Dec. 1808.
Preamble.

An ACT to lay out and open a road in Anne-Arundel county.

WHEREAS application has been made to the general assembly, by sundry inhabitants of the county aforesaid, representing that they suffer great inconveniencies for want of a road from John Crow's mill, on Patuxent river, to intersect the road leading from Montgomery county court-house to the city of Baltimore, at the widow Pue's lane, near Ely Davis's; that nearly all the proprietors of the land through which the said road is intended to pass, are desirous that the said road should be made the distance, being about eight miles, and have prayed that a road might be laid out and opened, of the width of forty feet, at the expense of those who are willing to contribute thereto; and the general assembly apprehending the prayer of the petitioners reasonable, therefore,

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Henry Griffith, Brice Gassaway and Thomas Worthington, of Nicholas, are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or any two of them, are hereby authorised to survey, lay out and open, a road, at the expense and proper cost of them who are willing to contribute to the same, forty feet wide, from a point which may be most convenient to cross Patuxent river near John Crow's mill, to intersect the road leading from Montgomery county court-house to the city of Baltimore, at the widow Pue's lane, and near Ely Davis's; 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 in Anne-Arundel county court, and shall be deemed and taken to be a public road for ever thereafter, and kept in repair as other public roads are in said county.

Damages to be ascertained, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons through whose land the said road shall pass, and the same, when so assessed, shall be paid, or secured to be paid, by the contributors, before the said commissioners shall proceed to open the said road; provided always, that if any person or persons, through whose land the 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