

1812. at Hager's Town in Washington county, for eighty thousand dollars, under the direction of William Heyser, Upton Lawrence, Matthias Shafner, Henry Kealhofer, William Fitzhugh, David Schneby, Martin Reidenour and Henry Lewis, in the same manner and with the same powers as the commissioners in the original act are authorised and empowered to do.

This law not being carried into effect in 5 years, the right shall revert to the counties.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said company shall not proceed to carry on the said work within five years from the passage of this act, then the right of said company to such road, to revert to the counties respectively.



CHAPTER 51.

Passed Dec. 7, 1812. *An act to lay out, open and amend a road in Cecil county.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Elk Neck in Cecil county, that they are subjected to great inconvenience from the badness of the road from Turkey Point to the Meeting-house in said neck: *Therefore,*

Commissioners—they may open said road at the expense of the county—its direction.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Samuel Aldridge, Alexander Wilson and Benjamin Mauldin be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they or a majority of them are hereby authorised as commissioners, to lay out, open and amend at the expence of said county, a road from Turkey Point to the Methodist Meeting-house in Elk Neck, so as to do as little injury as possible to the lands through which it may pass: *Provided,* That the said road shall not pass through any houses, gardens, orchards or meadows, without the consent of the owners thereof; and that the said road when so laid out and completed, shall be recorded among the land records of said county, and be thereafter deemed and taken as a public road, and shall be kept in repair as other roads in said county are directed to be.

Proviso.

Damages—commissioners shall ascertain—to be levied on the county.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall value and ascertain the damages that may be sustained by any person or persons through whose lands the said road may pass, by opening of the same, and the damages so ascertained shall be levied and assed as other county charges are, and shall be paid over to the person or persons entitled to the same.