

CHAPTER 169.

An act to provide for the cession of territorial jurisdiction at Cedar Point, and at Point Look Out in St. Marys county, and at Smiths Island in Cajey's Straights in Somerset county, for the erection of light houses thereon.

Whereas, applications have been made to the Congress of the United States, for the erection and establishment of light houses, at Point Look Out, at Cedar Point, and at or near to Cajey's Point, on Smiths Island, on the Chesapeake bay; and whereas, the legislature duly appreciating the great advantages to emanate from the erection and establishment of the said light houses, and particularly with intent to avoid the difficulties and dangers of passing the said points and streights aforesaid, during the night, and disposed to promote the completion of objects so much desired by the good people of this state; Therefore,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* in case an act or acts of the Congress of the United States, authorising the erection and establishment of a light house, or light houses, at either one or more of the points or places, designated in the preamble to this act, commissioners shall, and the same are hereby appointed, with power to fill vacancies in their or either of their body or bodies, to fix and determine the value of the land required by the United States, for the purpose or purposes aforesaid; that is to say, for Point Look Out; Elwily Smith, Mordecai C. Jones, Josia Biscoe, James Kerk and Robert Dunkinson; for Cedar Point, Michael B. Carroll, James Jarboe, Elijah Tarlton, John Jackson and John Hotton; and for Smiths Island, at or near Cajey's Straights, Jesse Hughes, William Roach, John Rider, Arnold E. Jones, Junior, and Daniel Ballard; and they or majority of either of the said boards shall be in the event aforesaid, authorized, upon giving at least sixty days notice in two of the most convenient news papers for four consecutive weeks, to value and assess the same, taking into consideration the advantages or disadvantages attendant upon the erecting the light houses aforesaid, on the land aforesaid, and including in said valuation a reasonable allowance for the use and privilege of a road from the land aforesaid, through the lands of any proprietor or proprietors, if such road shall be deemed necessary; and the decision of the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall be considered final and conclusive, between the parties, unless an appeal shall thereafter be prosecuted as is herein after provided; and the amount or value of the land, and the right of way as aforesaid thereto, so assessed, being paid or offered to be paid to the proprietor or proprietors thereof, the United States shall thenceforward, be considered the true and lawful owners of the said land, of the said right and privileges of a way for the purposes aforesaid; *Provided always*, that if the owner or owners of the said land, and of the said road, so aforesaid valued, his her or their guardian or guardians, trustee or trustees, shall conceive him, her or themselves, aggrieved by such valuation by the said commissioners, or any of them, and shall notify to the said commissioners the same in writing, it shall and may be lawful for said commissioners, or any three of them, to issue their warrant to the sheriff of any county, as the case may be, commanding him to summon twelve free-holders in the county afore-

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Preamble.

Commissioners to value. &c. Appeal; proceedings.

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