

CHAPTER 155.

*An act to straighten the road from the city of Baltimore, to Goodwin and Ridgely's Mill, on the falls of Great-Gunpowder.*

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Section 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Hercules Courtney, Daniel Chambers, Peter Bond, John Davis and Samuel Briscoe be, and are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or a majority of them are hereby authorised and directed to lay out and open a road not exceeding fifty feet in width from the road between the city of Baltimore, and Cromwell's bridge, at its junction with the road from Daniel Chambers' to Baltimore, to the hill on the north side of the Great falls of Gunpowder near the mill formerly owned by William Goodwin and Edward Ridgely, as nearly straight as the nature of the country will admit; and said commissioners shall make a plat of the road as aforesaid directed to be laid out, and return the same to the clerk of Baltimore county court, to be recorded among the records of said county, and the said road when so laid out and opened, and the valuation hereinafter directed to be made shall be paid, or secured to be paid to the individuals concerned, shall forever thereafter be deemed and taken to be a public road, and shall be kept in repair as other public roads in said county.

Commissioners to lay out and open a road—return a plat.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value, (if required,) what damages may be sustained by any person or persons over whose lands the same may pass, by opening the same, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, (if any.) and the valuation shall be made 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 may 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, on application of the party interested, or his, her or their guardian or trustee, to issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, directed to any constable of the county, commanding him to summon twelve free-holders, disinterested in the opening of the said road, to appear on a day by the said justices to be appointed, on the land of the person or persons making application as aforesaid, or for whose benefit such application shall be made; and the said freeholders having first made oath, before some justice of the peace, that they will without favor, affection or partiality, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall

Valuation of damages.

Proviso.