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Commissioners to make a plot of said road.

3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, to cause a plot and certificate of said road to be made, and return the same to the levy court of Somerset county ; and if the levy court shall be of opinion that the said road will be of advantage, then and in such case the clerk of said county shall record the same plot and certificate ; and the said road, when laid out, opened, cleared, widened and extended, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be, forever hereafter, a public road, and shall be kept in repair as other public roads in said county.

Damages to be assessed

4. *And be it enacted*, That the levy court of said county shall appoint three disinterested persons, who, or a majority of whom, shall value the damages that may be sustained by each and every of the persons through whose lands the same may pass, by opening and extending the length and width of the same, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, and return the same to the levy court ; and the damages so ascertained shall be levied and assessed as other county charges are, and shall be paid over to the persons respectively who may be damaged thereby ; *Provided nevertheless*, that no money shall be levied or assessed for the purpose of paying the damages aforesaid, until the said road is opened and cleared agreeably to the directions of this act.

Proviso.

Commissioners allowance.

5. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall be entitled to receive, as a compensation for their services, a sum not exceeding two dollars per day, to be ascertained by the levy court, which is hereby directed to be levied, collected and paid, as other county charges.

CHAPTER 3.

Passed Dec. 10 An act to encourage the destruction of Crows in Saint-Mary's County.

Allowance for crows heads

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any person residing in Saint-Mary's County, shall bring to any justice of the peace of Saint-Mary's county, the head or heads of any crow or crows, such person shall for every such head, be allowed in the county levy of said county the sum of twelve and a half cents ; and the justices of the peace before whom such head or heads shall be brought, are hereby required to give the person bringing the same a certificate thereof, and cause the head or heads to be burnt or otherwise destroyed.

Persons to make oath, &c.

2. *Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted*, That no person whatsoever shall be entitled for any allowance for any such head or heads, without first making oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, that such crow or crows was or were killed in the said county, and that no certificate hath been obtained from any other justice of the peace for the same ; and that it shall be the duty of each and every justice of the peace, before whom such head or heads may be brought by virtue of this act, to take and receive the oath, or affirmation, of the party bringing the same, free and clear from all charges against the person or persons making such oath, or affirmation, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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