

CHAPTER 350.

AN ACT to provide for a public ferry across the Potomac river at Hancock, in Washington county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Washington county be and they are hereby authorized to examine and locate a suitable place to construct a public ferry across the Potomac river, at Hancock, on said river, and also to repair and keep in order the public road leading from Hancock to said river, or to lay out, open and construct a new road, and to connect the same by means of the said ferry with the public road leading from said river on the West Virginia side to the Hancock station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Public ferry.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said county commissioners are hereby granted full power to construct the said ferry, with suitable boat and necessary appurtenances, and to assess all damages for land or franchise necessary for the establishment of said ferry, if any be needed more than the said county now has, and in case the owner or owners of said land or franchise shall not agree to receive the amount of damages assessed by the said county commissioners, it shall then be the duty of said county commissioners to issue a warrant to the sheriff of said county to summon twelve respectable, disinterested persons, qualified by law to be jurors, and also the surveyor of the county, to meet on the premises on a day by him to be appointed, of which he shall give due notice to the owner or possessor of said land or franchise.

Assess for damages.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said jurors and surveyor, having first taken an oath or affirmation justly and impartially to value the said land or franchise, shall lay off such land as may be necessary for the use of said ferry, and estimate the value of the same; and they shall make inquest of their proceedings, as aforesaid, under their hands and seals, which shall be returned by said sheriff, with a certi-

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