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and had laid out the same into lots, streets and alleys, so as to connect Fell's Point with the western parts of the city, by spacious streets, extended in a straight direction; that it would contribute to the convenience of those owners of lots in that part of the city, if Granby and Exeter-streets were extended in direct lines to intersect Wilkes-street, and if President-street was extended through the said water lots; and therefore he prayed that a law might pass to alter and extend the said street, to which the trustees of the said Thomas Yates have assented;

Granby-street to be laid out, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the city commissioners of the city of Baltimore, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and directed to lay out, open and extend, Granby-street, from the south-west corner of lot number four hundred and thirty-one, and the south-east corner of lot number four hundred and twenty-nine, in a straight direction, to intersect Wilkes-street, and also to lay out, open and extend, Exeter-street, from where it terminates on the original addition, in a south direction, parallel to Harford-street, to intersect Wilkes-street aforesaid, and that the same, when so extended and opened, shall be deemed, taken and considered, as parts of the highways of the said city, and be under the control and direction of the corporation of the said city, in like manner as all other public streets.

Part to be shut up, &c.

III. BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority, and they are hereby directed, to shut up that part of Granby-street, from the original lots numbers four hundred and thirty-one and four hundred and twenty-nine, to the termination of the said street at the corner of the lot number four hundred and sixty-one, and also Philpot's-street, extending from Prince-street to York-street.

And vested in D. Bowley, &c.

IV. BE IT ENACTED, That such parts of the said Granby-street as shall be altered in virtue of this act, and also Philpot's-street, shall be no longer considered as public streets, but shall be and are hereby vested in the said Daniel Bowley, in fee-simple, in lieu of, and in consideration of, the said Daniel Bowley having given and appropriated the ground for public use through which the said streets are proposed by this act to be extended.

A plot to be returned, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall cause a plot of the said streets, when altered, opened and amended, to be returned to the register of the said city, who is hereby directed to record the same among the records and archives of the said city; saving nevertheless, to all bodies public and corporate, and all person or persons whatsoever, their several and respective rights.

C H A P. XLIX.

Passed 3d of Jan. 1807.

An ACT to stop up, enclose and improve, a ten foot alley in the city of Baltimore.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, that they are possessed of sundry dwelling-houses and stores on the west side of Calvert-street, in the city of Baltimore, extending from Water-street to a ten foot alley, left open by the owners of the grounds for their mutual advantage and convenience; that the said petitioners are owners of the grounds west from the said ten foot alley to a public alley of sixteen feet, and the said petitioners find, from experience, that the aforesaid ten foot alley, from its not being under the directions of the city commissioners, is now become a very great nuisance, not only to your petitioners, but generally to the inhabitants contiguous thereto; that the said petitioners have executed articles of agreement, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and six, whereby they have mutually agreed, that the aforesaid private alley shall be no longer occupied or kept open as such, but shall be improved and enclosed in such manner as the owners of such property, through which it passes, or are adjoining thereto, may think proper, as far as their property respectively extends, and that several of the present owners of the aforesaid property, having become purchasers of the same, since the aforesaid ten foot alley has been occupied as such: And whereas some of their titles, by their expressions, may be bounded on the same, and doubts may arise as to the right of shutting it up, and securing to each respective owner the right to the adjoining ground; and the prayer of the said petitioners appearing reasonable, therefore,

Alley may be stopped up, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the said petitioners to stop up, enclose and improve upon, the aforesaid ten foot alley, and severally to have, hold and enjoy, to their own use, those parts thereof lying between their grounds respectively, each one half; that is to say, five feet to each owner on either side of the alley, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.