

fare of Cambridge, the Commissioners had appointed three adjusters to examine and make return, stating by whom the expense of said improvement should be paid, and that the adjusters had made return that (here the name of the persons mentioned in said return as bound to pay the expense are to be set forth, with the proportion of the expense to be borne by each). The notice shall appoint a day for the persons notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why they should not be assessed with the proportion of the expense named by the adjusters, not less than fifteen days nor more than fifty days from the date of the notice. The notice shall be delivered to the chief bailiff, to be served by him or by a sub-bailiff on the persons residing in Dorchester County. Whether the persons are non-residents of the said county or of this State the notice may be served on them personally by any person whose services can be obtained therefor. In such case the person making the service shall appear before a notary public or the clerk of any court of record to make oath to the facts of personal service, and the notary or clerk shall append a proper certificate thereto, and authenticate the same by his signature and his official seal. In any case, notice may be given to all persons, non-residents of said county or of this State, by posting a copy of said notice, in writing or printing, at the court house door in Cambridge, and in front of the property of the person to be notified, at least twenty days before the day appointed for such appearance and answer. All persons notified in any of the modes herein mentioned shall be bound by an order of assessment, which may be directed or be made by the Commissioners, whether they attend or not.

Notice served.

Notice to non-residents by posting on court house door.

On the day appointed in the notice for the appearance and answer of the parties named in the adjuster's return and contributors to said expense shall, or on an early day thereafter, such persons may appear, and whoever appears shall be heard, and upon and after such hearing the Commissioners shall make decision as to the person who shall contribute to the expense thereof, and as to the proportion in which the several persons shall pay, and the said Commissioners shall pass an order setting forth their decision.

Commissioner's decision.

If any person has a lease for seven years or more, but less than ninety-nine years, the tenant may pay the assessment for said improvement, and he shall be entitled to a credit on his rent for such payment. But in the case of a tenant under a lease for ninety-nine years, such tenant shall be dealt with as the person bound to pay any such assessment, and his interest in the property shall be bound for the payment thereof, and the

Tenant may pay assessment.