

ratified shall be public streets, avenues, alleys and squares, and shall be opened, graded and paved as hereinafter provided; *provided, nevertheless*, that any person aggrieved by the decision or order of said County Commissioners may appeal to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, at any time within sixty days after the time of making such decision or order.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That on application to the said County Commissioners by petition in writing, signed by the owner or owners of a majority of front feet of ground bounding and fronting on any street, avenue, alley or square which shall be laid out as aforesaid, praying that such streets, alley, avenues or squares may be opened, it shall be the duty of said County Commissioners to direct said Street Commissioners to proceed to open such street, avenues, squares or alleys agreeably to the prayer of said owner or owners, and it shall not be lawful to open any avenue, street, square or alley without such application shall be made as aforesaid, and the owner or owners of the ground over and through which any public street, avenue, square or alley may run, or any public square be located shall not be entitled to any damages for improvements thereon, unless such improvements shall have been made before the locating or laying out of such street, avenue, square or alley by said Street Commissioners, and that no petition of the owner or owners of ground located as aforesaid shall be entertained by the County Commissioners unless the street, avenue, or alley, or public square asked to be opened by said Commissioners shall extend the distance of one square, that is from street to street or alley.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That before the said Street Commissioners shall proceed to open or lay off any street, avenue, alley or public square, in pursuance of this Act, they shall on oath or affirmation value and determine the damages and benefits which any owner or owners, over whose ground the same may pass will sustain thereby, taking into consideration all advantages or disadvantages, and said Commissioners shall apportion the amount of said damages, and all costs including the compensation allowed the Street Commis-