Surveyor.

sioners and Surveyor to or among the several owners according to the benefits which, in the judgment of said Commissioners, they will respectively receive by the opening of such street, avenue, alley or square, or part thereof, and to cause a plat of such street, avenue or square to be made by the County Surveyor, or in such manner as prescribed in the first section of this Act, containing the names and location of all owners on said street, avenue, alley or square proposed to be opened or laid off, together with a report of their proceedings to be returned by them to the County Commissioners within twenty days after assessing the same, to be ratified and confirmed by said Commissioners within twenty days after the filing of said report, unless there be objections filed to the satisfaction thereof, and the damages so apportioned among the owners aforesaid, together with all costs attending the opening and laying off of the same shall be a lien on the property of the said owner or owners, and to be collected by said Street Commissioners in the same manner and with the same right and authority that the taxes in Baltimore County are now collected, with such commis-

sions as are now allowed by law in Baltimore County for collecting County taxes; provided nevertheless that privilege is hereby granted to any owner or owners to open, grade or pave any street, avenue, lane or alley, or lay off any public square, provided he or they conform to the location

and survey made by the said Street Commissioners under the first section of this Act and with all

other requirements of this Act.

Taxes.

Objections.

pave.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That whenever the owners owning a majority of the front feet bounding on any street, avenue, alley or public square, shall petition the County Commissioners in writing for the grading, paving, graveling or using any other suitable material on said streets, avenue, alley or public square, the said County Commissioners shall direct the said Street Commissioners to give three weeks public notice by advertising in such county and city papers as they may agree upon of such application, and that they will receive proposals and make contracts with the lowest responsible person for the grading for a supply of

Petition to grade.

Proposal.