

Strike out all after the title, and insert the following :

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to make such improvements in connection with Jones' Falls as, in the judgment of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore are desirable ; and for this purpose to change the course, lines and boundaries of the said stream, in whole or in part, to widen and deepen the same ; to lay out and construct on the sides of and adjacent to the said stream, streets, avenues and wharves ; to construct all such sewers and drains in said city as shall be deemed requisite in connection with the said improvement ; and generally to do all such things, and exercise all such powers as, in the judgment of the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, shall be necessary to be done and exercised for the accomplishment of any plan or plans for the improvement of Jones' Falls, which have been, or may be, adopted by the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have the power at any time to acquire all property of every kind and description which it may be necessary, or advisable, in the judgment of the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire for the accomplishment of the purposes mentioned in the first section of this Act, and shall moreover, have full power to provide for the ascertainment of the value of all property and rights of property, which it is thus authorized, to acquire ; and also to ascertain whether any, and what amount, in value, of damages will be caused by the construction of the aforesaid works of improvement in connection with Jones' Falls, or any of them, to the owner or possessor of any property, or rights of property within the said city, for which said owner or possessor ought to be compensated ; and also to ascertain what amount of benefits will be caused by the construction of the aforesaid works of improvement, or any of them, to the owner, or possessor of any property, or rights of property within the said city, for which such owner or possessor ought to pay a compensation ; and to provide for assessing and levying either generally on the whole assessable property of said city, or specially on the property of persons benefitted, the whole or any part of the amount of damages and expenses which shall be ascertained will be incurred in constructing such works in connection with the improvement of Jones' Falls, as the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore have determined, or shall determine to make ; to provide for granting appeals to the Baltimore City Court, from the decisions of any Commissioner or other persons, appoint-