

CHAP. 170. recoverable by law in the state of Maryland, and applied to the use of the said town.

CHAP. CLXXI.

Passed Feb 1, 1817 *An Act authorising the connecting of Water-Street with King George Street, at Jones's Falls, in the City of Baltimore.* Lib. TH. No. 5. fol. 312.

City commissioners to extend streets

1. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the city commissioners of Baltimore be and they are hereby authorised and required, to alter and extend the lines of Water street, from Warden-street to Jones's Falls, and to alter and extend the lines of King George street to said Falls, in such manner as shall be found the most suitable for erecting a bridge over said Falls, thereby affording a convenient passage from one of those streets into the other, and to make and return a plot of such alterations and extension to the register of the city, to be filed and kept in his office as other public records.

Assessors to be appointed.

2. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the mayor of the city of Baltimore be, and he is hereby authorised and required, to appoint five suitable persons as assessors, to value and assess the damages which may be sustained by any person or persons by the altering and extending the said streets as authorised by this act, and to apportion the ground at present included within the lines of said streets, which may be excluded by said alterations, amongst the owners of lots adjoining the grounds so excluded, and to apportion such damages to and amongst the owners of property, who in their judgment shall be benefitted thereby, and also all expenses incurred in collecting and making the assessment and apportionment; and the persons so appointed shall, before they proceed to act, take an oath or affirmation, that they are not interested in any property injured or benefitted by altering and extending said streets, and that they will, without prejudice or partiality, value the damages, and apportion the same as directed by this act, according to the best of their skill and judgment; which valuation and apportionment shall be by them returned to the register of the city, to be filed in his office, and kept as other public records; and each of the assessors aforesaid, shall be entitled to, and receive, two dollars per day for each and every day they may be engaged in the duties assigned them by this act.

Collection of damages.

3. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the city collector of the city aforesaid be and he is hereby authorised and required, to collect the damages to be apportioned as aforesaid from the several persons chargeable therewith, in the like manner as public taxes of the city, or by sale of the property, or so much thereof as may be necessary therefor, on which such damages may be assessed, if the owner or owners shall neglect or refuse to discharge the same, first giving at least thirty days notice in two or more news-papers published in the city of Baltimore, of the time and place of such sale; and the damages so collected shall be paid over to the several persons entitled thereto by the valuation to be made and returned as aforesaid; and said collector shall be entitled to receive a commission of six per centum upon all monies collected by him in pursuance of this act.