

CHAP. 24.

Proprietors of lots
binding on the
water to wharf out
the same. &c.

intersect the east side of a line drawn from the east side of Light-street to east side of Forrest-street, and that but a small part remains to be filled up and wharfed out, agreeably to the provisions of an act of assembly passed for that purpose; therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be the duty of the proprietors of lots binding on the water within the limits aforesaid, who have not wharfed out and extended the same agreeably to the provisions of an act passed in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, chapter forty-five, to wharf out and improve the same agreeably to the provisions of the said law, within two years from the passage of this act, and in their default to comply with the requisitions hereof, then it shall and may be lawful for the corporation of the city of Baltimore to wharf out and extend the street by law established, and directed to be sixty feet wide, and running parallel with, and binding upon, a line drawn from the east side of Light-street to the east side of Forrest-street, within twelve months from the expiration of the time allowed therefor to the proprietors of said lots, and in case the said corporation shall neglect or refuse so to do, then and in that case it shall and may be lawful for any individual or individuals, who shall first signify his determination to undertake the same to the mayor of the city of Baltimore, to wharf out and improve the said street, agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Persons wharfing
out the same to be
entitled to all the
emoluments.

Proviso.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That those persons, or the corporation, as the case may be, who shall wharf out and improve agreeably to the provisions of this act, shall be solely and exclusively entitled to the emoluments arising from the wharfage upon such improvements in wharfing and filling out said street; *Provided always*, that the proprietor or proprietors of said lots, in making out and extending the same, and the corporation, or such person or persons as shall undertake the making and improvement of the said street, agreeably to the provisions of this act, shall be subject to the rules, regulations and ordinances, of the board of commissioners, or other constituted authorities, of the city of Baltimore, respecting the manner the said wharves shall be extended, and also for the regulation of the wharfage thereof; *And provided also*, that sixty feet of the said wharves, when so made out and extended, at the end thereof, parallel with, and binding upon, a line drawn from the east side of Light-street to the east side of Forrest-street, shall be deemed, taken and considered, as a public highway for ever thereafter, reserving nevertheless to the proprietors of the said wharves the benefit and advantage of the wharfage thereof, under the limitations aforesaid.

Twelve persons
to be summoned
to assess damages
sustained, &c.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before the work or operations in filling up and wharfing out herein directed shall be commenced, it shall and may be lawful for the sheriff of Baltimore county, and he is hereby directed and required, (after having given at least ten days notice in one of the newspapers of the city of Baltimore,) to summon twelve free-holders, inhabitants of the said city, not interested in the premises, who, being first sworn to assess and value what damages shall be sustained by any person or persons whatsoever in wharfing out and filling up as aforesaid, (taking all benefits and inconveniences into consideration,) shall proceed to assess and value what damages will be sustained by each and every person by