

any lots throughout the said town, to survey, alter, amend, and lay out anew, the streets, lanes and alleys, running through the same, with the consent of the proprietors thereof, or their guardians, first had and obtained, and at their own expence, so as to make the streets, lanes and alleys, throughout every part of the said town, to correspond and communicate with each other as near as may be; provided always, that the streets, lanes and alleys, when altered, amended, and laid out anew, shall not run through the ground of any person whatever, without the consent of such person first obtained.

V. **And be it enacted,** That the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, are authorized and required, on application of any person or persons, who already have, or hereafter shall make and extend ground and other improvements into the waters of Patapsco river, to cause the same to be surveyed, and laid out into streets, lanes, alleys, docks and canals, with consent of the proprietors thereof, and at their expence, and annex to Baltimore-town, and correct plots and certificates thereof to return to the town clerk, and have the same entered on record, there to remain as evidence to perpetuate the same. Ground to be surveyed, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That the lots of ground, streets, lanes and alleys, when so altered, amended, and laid out anew, and the ground and other improvements made and extended out of the water, when surveyed and laid off according to the directions of this act, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, part of Baltimore-town aforesaid, and shall have all the immunities, privileges and advantages, the rest of the said town hath, or by former laws ought to have, as fully and amply as if the same had been originally included therein. Saving to all persons whatsoever their right of property in any of the said ground so made and extended as aforesaid, and in the lots or land from which such ground may be made and extended, and the right to make and extend ground as aforesaid, and the right to the water or land covered by water, which rights are not meant or intended in any manner to be interfered with, determined on, or affected by, this act. Lots, &c. part of Baltimore-town, &c.

VII. **And,** whereas a number of the inhabitants of said town are desirous of opening and cutting a canal from the head of the Basin to the waters of the Ferry-branch of Patapsco river, which would greatly facilitate the commercial intercourse between the country and the different parts of the said town, **Be it enacted,** That John Eager Howard, Thomas Russell, William Goodwin, William Hammond, and David Williamson, of Baltimore-town, or a majority of them, by and with the consent of a majority of the commissioners of said town, and with the approbation and consent of the proprietors of the ground through which the same shall pass, are hereby authorized and permitted to make and open a canal, not to exceed forty feet wide, and of a convenient and reasonable depth, from the upper part of the Basin of Baltimore-town to the Ferry-branch of Patapsco river, beginning the same on the Basin at the street called Forest-street, and running the same in a convenient direction to the waters of the Ferry-branch; which said canal, when made and finished, shall be, and is hereby declared for ever hereafter to be, a highway, and free for the passage of boats belonging to any persons whatever to pass and repass through the same, without any toll or tax demanded for the same by the proprietors of the ground through which the same shall pass; provided that the proprietors of the ground through which the said canal shall pass, and those interested in the said canal, shall make and constantly keep in repair a good and sufficient bridge over the said canal, at such place as is most convenient and proper for a road or way from the lower ferry of Patapsco river to Baltimore-town, to be determined by the commissioners of the said town, or a majority of them, for travellers and others securely and conveniently to pass; and if the said proprietors, and those who shall be interested and engaged in the cutting the said canal, shall neglect to make such bridge, or to keep it in proper repair after made, then the justices of Baltimore county are hereby authorized and empowered to assess and levy such sum or sums of money upon the said proprietors of land, and others interested in the said canal, as will be sufficient for the purposes aforesaid; and every proprietor and person Canal to be opened &c.