

after, as may be necessary to exercise the powers and perform the duties required of it under the provisions of this Act, and shall ascertain whether any and what amount in value of damage will thereby be caused to the owner of any right or interest in any ground or improvement within said burnt district, for which, taking into consideration all advantages and disadvantages, such owner ought to be compensated, and the said Commission, having ascertained the whole amount of damages, for which compensation ought to be awarded, as aforesaid upon any and each of the streets, lanes, alleys, squares or market spaces in said burnt district, so, as aforesaid, to be laid out, opened, extended, widened or straightened in the said burnt district, and so, as aforesaid, to be made: and having added thereto the amount or amounts which it has paid, or agreed to pay, for any land or property purchased by it for the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore upon the street, lane, alley, square or market space on which it has estimated, as aforesaid, the whole amount of damages, for which compensation ought to be awarded, and having also added thereto an estimate of the probable amount of the proportion of expenses which will be incurred by them in the performance of the duties required of them as aforesaid, including a ratable proportion of the expenses of said Commission; and also of the expenses incurred by the City Register by reason of said proceedings in respect of the said streets, lanes, alleys, squares or market spaces, respectively, shall proceed to assess one-third of the said total amount upon all the ground and improvements, if any, within or outside of the said burnt district, the owners of which, as such, the said Commission shall decide and deem, to be directly benefitted by accomplishing the object; provided, the amount of said benefits shall be equal to one-third of the said total amount hereinbefore mentioned, and if not, then to the amount of such benefits and all the remainder of the said total amount shall be assessed upon and paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. But the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting through said Commission, may pay or tender the entire amount of said damages, purchase prices and expenses, to whom the same may be payable, and the persons or property against whom or which such proportions of said benefits are assessed, shall not by such payment or tender be released from paying such proportion of benefits as may be assessed against them or it respectively, but shall be liable to pay the same on the terms hereinafter provided. The above apportionment of benefits between the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and

Awarding compensation to owners of land in burnt district.

Damages, purchase prices and expenses