

with a certificate of the qualification, which may be ratified or rejected, or altered or amended, in whole or in part, by the Commissioners of Leonardtown. The said Commissioners shall pay or tender to the person, his agent, guardian or representative, the amount of damages so awarded by them, and if any one should feel aggrieved by the decision of the Commissioners, who is in any manner affected by their decision, he may appeal to the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, by giving written notice within twenty days from said decision, filed with the treasurer of said Commissioners, of his desire to appeal; and on the filing of said notice the Commissioners shall cause to be delivered the papers connected therewith to the Clerk of said court, and the same proceedings shall be had on the appeal as in cases of appeal from judgments of justices of the peace; provided, nevertheless, that "The Commissioners of Leonardtown" may decline to open, lay out, extend, widen, grade or straighten any street, alley, or highway, or any square, waterway, or drain, notwithstanding the decision of said court; but, in case of refusal to do so, they shall be liable for all costs incurred, and shall pay the same. On appeal the court or jury may alter the award so returned, whether of damages or benefits, and award costs in its discretion, and benefits assessed by virtue of the above provisions shall be liens on the respective lots or parcels of ground on which they are assessed from the time of the final ratification of the return made to The Commissioners of Leonardtown," and shall be collected as taxes are collected, or may be collected by action at law.

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Bailiff.

70. That said Commissioners may annually appoint one or more active and discreet persons to act as bailiff within the corporate limits of said town, who, before he proceeds to act as such, shall make oath, to be administered by a justice of the peace for St. Mary's County, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff, without favor or affection, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and he shall execute a bond with sureties, to be approved by the Commissioners in such penalty as they may require, for the faithful performance of his duties as town bailiff. The said bailiff shall have, within the corporate limits of "The Commissioners of Leonardtown," all the powers held and exercised by the constables of this State; he shall attend the meetings of the said Commissioners, when notified by them to do so, and shall perform such services and duties as are or shall be imposed upon him by law, ordinance or by order of the Commissioners; he shall arrest and take before some justice of the peace in St. Mary's County, to be dealt with according to the laws of Maryland or the ordinances passed by "The Commissioners of Leonardtown;" any person found violating any of the laws of Maryland, or any of the ordinances made or passed by "The Commissioners of Leonardtown," within the corporate limits of said town, and any one resisting said bailiff in the discharge