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street, and that Monument-street shall be opened to the width of two hundred feet from Cathedral to St. Paul's-streets instead of the widths at which the said streets were laid out by the commissioners acting under the authority of an act passed at the December session in the year eighteen hundred and seventeen, chapter one hundred and forty-eight, entitled, An act relating to the city of Baltimore.

Ground to be
laid out into
building lots

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That Joseph W. Patterson, Solomon Etting, George Hoffman, James Mosher, and Stewart Brown, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out the ground upon Monument-street and Charles-street, or Washington-place, into building lots, in such manner as the said commissioners shall deem calculated to be most beneficial to the proprietors of the said ground; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have authority, and it shall be their duty, to condemn so much of the said ground as shall be necessary to open the said streets, to wit, Charles-street, or Washington-place, and Monument-street, to be of the width herein above expressed, and likewise to condemn as public alleys, so much of the said ground as they shall deem necessary to lay out as public alleys; and thereafter the said streets and alleys shall be and remain as public highways forever; and all such lanes or alleys as are or may now be laid out or projected over the said square of ground lying between Madison, Centre, Cathedral and Saint-Paul's-streets, other than those which shall be condemned by the commissioners as aforesaid, shall be, and the same hereby are closed and shut up forever, and the same shall belong absolutely in fee simple to those persons to whom the commissioners shall assign the same as hereinafter directed.

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Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to lay off the remainder of the ground situated in the square between Madison, Centre, Cathedral and Saint-Paul's streets, which is not directed as aforesaid to be condemned as streets or alleys, into building lots, and the said lots to divide amongst the present proprietors of the ground within the said square, according to their respective interests in the said ground, and assigning to each proprietor, as nearly as the same can be effected, the same ground now held by such proprietor, who shall thereafter hold the lots so assigned to him or her, in severalty, in fee simple; *Provided always*, that in all cases where improvements have been made on any of the said lots, by the present proprietors thereof, the commissioners shall have no regard to the value of such improvements, but shall assign

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