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of the city, the footways of which shall be of such width as the city commissioners shall fix and determine.

Damages.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the mayor of the city of Baltimore shall, on or before the first of April next, appoint five disinterested freeholders assessors, who, having first taken an oath before some justice of the peace for the city of Baltimore, to decide without favour, affection, or partiality, shall proceed forthwith to value and assess the damages which may be sustained by the respective owners of the lots of ground upon which the said street shall be so widened, and also to designate the property to be benefited thereby, taking into consideration all advantages and disadvantages, which damages they shall apportion amongst the owners of the property benefited, and make return of their proceedings, on or before the first day of June next, including all necessary and reasonable costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred in virtue of this law, under their hands and seals, to the register of the city of Baltimore, who shall file and keep the same in his office.

To be a lien.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the damages when so valued and assessed, from the time of the return of the proceedings as aforesaid, shall be a lien upon the property so ascertained and determined to be benefited, until their respective proportions of said damages shall have been paid.

Allowance to assessors.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the assessors aforesaid shall be entitled to receive two dollars per day, as a compensation for their services in performing the duties required of them by this act.

To be collect-

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That the city collector of Baltimore be and he is hereby authorised, to collect the said damages, costs and expenses, in the same manner that the city taxes of said city are authorised to be collected, and in case of neglect or refusal to pay he shall proceed to make the same by public sale of the property of the person or persons, so neglecting or refusing, ascertained and determined to be benefited as aforesaid, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, he giving at least thirty days notice of the time and place of such sale, previous thereto, in two or more of the newspapers published in said city, and when collected it shall be the duty of said register to pay over the same to the person or persons respectively entitled to receive the same in pursuance of the provisions of this act; and as a compensation for his services the said collector shall be entitled to the same commission on the whole amount by him collected as he now receives for collecting the city taxes of the city of Baltimore.

Removal of obstructions.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the commissioners aforesaid shall remove all obstructions on that part of said street; Provided, no removal of any improvements shall Proviso