

CHAP. 257. the returns made to him by said commissioners, or by a majority of them; and all plots, documents, books, and papers, connected with such returns; and the said judges, or a majority of them, shall be, and they are hereby authorised to meet at the time appointed, and hear, and fully examine the subject, and decide on such appeals; and may require the attendance of such persons as they may deem necessary, and may make such amendment, explanation, or addition to said returns, or any of them, as the said judges, or a majority of them, may deem requisite; and the said judges, or a majority of them, shall, at the request of any appellant, direct the sheriff of Baltimore county to summon jurors, and shall impanel any twelve disinterested men, so summoned, or attending the court, under the direction of said court, to try, any question of fact, or to ascertain and decide on the amount of damage or benefit, that may be at issue, in any of said appeals; and the said judges shall not reject nor set aside any return made by the said commissioners, or a majority of them, for any defect or omission, either in form or substance; but the said judges, or a majority of them, may amend all defects, and supply whatsoever may have been omitted; and reduce or increase the amount of damages, or benefit, assessed; and alter, modify, and correct, the said returns, in all or any of their parts, as to them shall seem just and proper; and shall cause their proceedings and decisions on said returns and appeals, certified by their clerk, under the seal of their court, to be transmitted to said register, which shall be final and conclusive in every respect.

Costs of appeals.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the judges of Baltimore city court, shall have full power in their discretion to add the reasonable costs of any appeal, or any part thereof, to be taxed by them, to the damages to be collected for the opening and extension of said street; or to require such costs, or any part of them, to be paid by all or either of the appellants, as the circumstances of each appeal, shall, in their opinion justify.

Direction respecting collection of sums assessed.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if no appeal shall be prayed within ten days after the time herein before limited for making appeals shall have elapsed; or if any appeal has been made; then within ten days after the return to said register of the discussion on such appeals, it shall be the duty of said register to give notice thereof in the daily newspapers, published in said city, for at least thirty days; and if any of the sums assessed as aforesaid, or any part of such sum, shall not be paid within sixty days after the first publication of said notice, the collector of said city shall proceed to sell the specific pieces or parcels of property, on which