

after viewing the advantages and disadvantages, shall proceed to value and assess, on oath, what damage may be sustained, by any person whatever, by opening and extending said street, and shall also declare what sum of money each individual or company benefitted thereby shall contribute or pay, towards compensating those who are judged to be injured by such opening and extension, as well as the expenses of said opening, and the names of the persons and the several sums of money which they shall respectively be obliged to pay, shall be returned under the hands and seals of the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to the office of the register of the city of Baltimore, to be filed and kept in his office, and the sums of money assessed and charged to each individual or company benefitted as aforesaid, shall be a lien on the property so charged; *Provided*, The said commissioners, on making such return, shall give notice in two of the newspapers of the city of Baltimore, to the persons interested, of their having made such return, and of the privilege of appeal, as hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any person or persons, who may be dissatisfied, with the assessment of damages or benefits which shall be made by the said commissioners, may, within twenty days after the first publication of the notice required to be given in the preceding section, appeal therefrom by petition in writing, to the judges of Baltimore city court, and on any such appeal being made, the said judges, or a majority of them, or the chief judge, if the city court shall not be in session, may and shall appoint a day for hearing the said appeal, which shall not be less than five nor more than fifteen days after the expiration of the twenty days limited for making appeals as aforesaid, and shall direct the clerk of the said court to issue a subpoena duces tecum, to the register of the city of Baltimore, requiring him to produce and deliver to said court, the return made to him by said commissioners, and all plats, documents, books and papers, connected with said return; and the said judges, or chief justice, or a majority of them, shall have full power to meet at the time so appointed, and hear and fully examine the subject and decide on the said appeals, and for that purpose, they are hereby authorised and empowered to adjourn, from time to time, and may cause all such appeals to be consolidated, or try, hear and decide them separately, and may require the said commissioners, their clerk, surveyor or any of them, and all such other persons as they shall deem necessary, to attend and examine them on oath or affirmation, and may permit and require all such explana-

Appeal—proceedings directed.