

CHAP. 184.

on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the eighth, ninth, and tenth days of August, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five, a tumultuous mob assembled in the City of Baltimore and lawlessly and riotously assailed, defaced and destroyed, a large amount of property belonging to several citizens of this State; *And whereas*, it also appears fully proven that for several days previous, there were reasons well founded and well known to apprehend such violent proceedings; *also*, that when the said mob did assemble, it was not formidable in number or arms; and that the authorities civil and military, and the people of the said city had ample power, at any time to have quelled and dispersed the rioters, but failed to exercise that power, and suffered the houses and other property of peaceable citizens to be deliberately pulled down, burned or otherwise destroyed from day to day by the said rioters, now therefore.

Persons named

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Alexander Fridge, Ashton Alexander and Charles Howard, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and upon refusal to act or death of either of said commissioners, the Governor and Council shall appoint some person or persons, to fill such vacancy or vacancies with authority to examine and ascertain, by view and by such proof under oath as they shall deem competent and sufficient, the value of the property, injured or destroyed by the said mob, belonging to any person or persons who shall alledge in writing by proof under oath to the said commissioners, that his property was injured or destroyed by the mob aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the said commissioners or a majority of them, to make under oath, to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, a return of the estimate of value and damages by them made, specifying the names of the parties injured and the amount of loss or injury sustained by them respectively.

Case of vacancy

Authorised to assess the damages

Treasurer to issue certificates for amt

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*. That upon receiving such return, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Western Shore to issue to each of said parties, certificates of stock of this State, bearing interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable half year-