tion shall in no event exceed the sum of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars per annum. The said secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Commission, and shall enter in a well-bound book and carefully preserved, neat, legible and accurate minutes of all meetings of the Commission, and he shall perform all such other duties as usually appertain to the office of secretary of a private corporation, or as may be imposed upon him by this Act or as may be assigned to him by the Commission, shall annually make to the Mayor a detailed report of all its official transactions and expenditures. The said Commission shall have authority and power, subject to the approval or ratification of the Board of Estimates, to employ any help or assistance necessary to promote the object and purpose of this Commission and its work, and to fix the compensation of such help and to remove or discharge them at their pleasure; also to purchase necessary office furniture and stationery.

Commissioners for Opening Streets authorized to make assessments for benefits in opening streets in the Annex.

Leon Lauer v. M. & C. C. et al., 110 Md. 447.

## 1910, ch. 736, sec. 2.

That upon the completion by the Annex Improvement Commission created by Chapter 274 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1904 (the power and functions of which commission have been and are being exercised by the Commissioners for Opening Streets pursuant to Ordinance No. 216, of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved March 6, 1905), of all its work pending at the time of the approval by the people of the loan hereby authorized, the said Commission shall be taken to have been superseded in every respect by the Commission hereby created, shall thereupon be entitled to the possession and custody of all maps, plats, blue-prints, sketches, surveys, books, papers, documents, writings, letters and chattels of and belonging to said former Commission, and also to any unexpended balance remaining out of the proceeds of the said loan authorized by the said Act of 1904, which unexpended balance, if any, shall be placed to the credit of the special fund hereinafter provided for and used by the Commission created by this Act in the manner authorized by this Act, for carrying out any of the powers and duties hereby conferred.

## 1910, ch. 736, sec. 3.

841M. That said Commission shall have the right and power and under and in pursuance of any general or special ordinance or ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore which may be passed therefor to grade and pave any street, avenue, lane or alley or any part thereof from curb to curb, and to establish and fix the building line and the width of the sidewalk on any street, avenue, lane or alley now existing or to be laid out, opened, extended, widened, straightened, graded or paved in the annex portion of the city of Baltimore. That said Commission shall have all powers necessary and proper in the exercise of said powers; and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore are hereby authorized and empowered to