

on said President and Commissioners in Section 298 of this subtitle; provided, that no such fine shall exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars for each violation of said ordinances or orders; when it may be practicable, it shall be the duty of said President and Commissioners to do new and general repair work by contracts made after public advertisement for proposals from the lowest responsible bidder.

1892. ch. 149, sec. 200A.

303. Said President and Commissioners shall have power and authority, if in their judgment the protection of life and property demand it, to pass all proper and necessary ordinances to require any railroad company, or corporation, running its locomotives, engines or trains across any of the streets within the corporate limits of the town to keep a watchman or flagman at the said crossings of the said streets to warn persons of the approach of said locomotives, engines or trains, and the President and Commissioners shall have full power and authority to impose such fines and penalties as they may deem proper or necessary to carry out and enforce the powers given by this section; provided, no such fine or penalty shall exceed the sum of fifty dollars for each violation of said ordinances by such railroad company or corporation; and such fine or penalty shall be recovered by suit in the name of the corporation before a justice of the peace in and for Cecil County, as other small debts are recovered.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 8, sec. 201. 1870, ch. 100. 1892. ch. 149, sec. 201.
1908, ch. 562 (p. 724).

304. They shall have power to provide for the payment of damages and expenses of opening, widening, straightening, laying out, paving, curbing, rearranging and grading of sidewalks and streets in the town by levying and assessing the same generally upon the whole of the assessable property of the town, or specially upon the assessable property of persons benefited thereby or along, or by whose property the same may be done and in the event of said damages or expenses being levied or assessed specifically as aforesaid, the President and Commissioners shall have full power and authority to pass regulations and ordinances governing the said specified levy and assessment, and the collection of the said damages and expenses so specifically levied and amended.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 8, sec. 202. 1870. ch. 100.

305. If in opening or laying out any new street, lane or alley, the Commissioners cannot agree with the owners of any land or property wanted for the purpose, for the purchase, use or occupation of the same, or if the owner thereof be a *femme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or out of the county, application may be made to any justice of the peace of the county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, directed to the sheriff of the county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of the county, not related to the parties nor in anywise interested, to meet on the land to be valued, on a day to be named