

CHAP. 239. of the newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, of the fact of such application, of their intention to take the same into consideration, and the time and place of meeting for that purpose.

If determined not to alter grade of street, petitioners to be charged with expenses

3. *And be it enacted*, That if the commissioners aforesaid shall determine that the public good does not require any alteration of the present grade of the said street, the petitioners, or either of them, shall be charged with the expenses attending the same.

If determined to be expedient, damage to be ascertained, &c

4. *And be it enacted*, That in case the said board of commissioners shall determine that it is expedient to alter the grade of the said street, they shall take into consideration the advantages and disadvantages which will probably be the result of said alteration, and proceed to value and assess, on oath, what damages may be sustained by any person or persons whatever, and shall also declare what sum of money each individual or company benefited thereby shall respectively contribute and pay towards compensating those whom they judge to be injured by such alteration, as well as the expenses attending the execution of the power and authority hereby given, and the carrying this law into full operation; and the said board of commissioners shall return, under their hands and seals, to the register of the city of Baltimore, to be filed and kept in his office, and also to the collector of the city of Baltimore, one copy to each officer, a list of the names of the persons so benefited aforesaid, and the amount assessed and charged to them respectively; and the sums of money so assessed and charged to each individual or company as aforesaid, shall be a lien on the property so benefited.

Sums assessed to be collected and paid over, &c

5. *And be it enacted*, That the said several sums of money so assessed and charged, shall be collected by the collector of the city of Baltimore, and shall presently be paid over by him to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, and by them to the person or persons entitled to receive the same; and it shall be the duty of the collector of the city of Baltimore, within thirty days from the time of his receiving the list aforesaid, to give notice in one of the newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, to the persons respectively bound to pay the same, that the amount so assessed and charged as aforesaid, must be paid within twenty days from the day of the giving said notice; and should any sum or sums of money, so assessed and charged as aforesaid, not be paid within the time so limited for the payment of the same, the collector of the city of Baltimore shall be and he is hereby authorised, to sell at public sale, for cash, the whole or any part of the property on which such assessment shall be made, first giving not less than thirty days notice of such intended sale, in one of the newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore; and the collector of the city of Baltimore, upon receiving the purchase money of the property so sold, shall execute a deed or deeds of conveyance therefor, in favour of the purchaser or purchasers, which deed shall be good and sufficient to pass the fee simple estate in the said property; and the collector of the city of Baltimore aforesaid, after deducting from the amount of such sale or sales, the amount assessed and charged