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Commissioners.

liday streets in said city, so as to admit of the passing at the same time in different directions, of carriages and persons on foot, would be of great public utility, and praying that a law to that end might pass, and the prayer of the petitioners appearing reasonable—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Stewart Brown, John B. Morris, James Hutton, John Bradford and Henry White, or a majority of them, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to widen Orange Alley in the city of Baltimore, in the manner herein-after provided, and in case a vacancy should occur in said board of commissioners, by death, resignation or a refusal to act, the remaining members thereof who may consent to act, shall supply such vacancy by a new appointment; and a majority of the commissioners shall be competent to the performance of the duties of said board,

Authorised to widen, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said commissioners be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to widen said alley, by adding thereto, eighteen feet in width from North street to Holliday street on and along the north line or side of said alley, according to its present location; and the said commissioners shall cause a plot of said alley so to be widened to be made, and shall return the same under their hands and seals, to be lodged in the office of the register of the city of Baltimore, there to remain as a part of said city.

Notice of assessing damages.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners after having surveyed the ground, and designated the said alley according to the location thereof, as hereby authorised, shall after giving ten days notice in two of the newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, proceed to ascertain and determine what damages will be sustained by the owners of property affected by the operation of this act, taking into consideration all advantages and disadvantages.

Lay to pay such damages—notice, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners after having ascertained the damages as aforesaid, and added thereto the commission allowed to the collector as hereinafter provided, and an estimate of the probable expense of removing the obstructions from the ground to be used in the widening of said alley, shall levy the damages to be sustained and the expenses to be incurred by reason thereof, upon the property benefitted by the widening of said alley, having regard to all circumstances; and having completed the said estimate of damages and expenses and the assessment to meet the same, the said commissioners shall make a full and particular return thereof, under their hands and seals to the office of the register of the city of Baltimore, designating the property assessed as benefitted, as well as the property damaged, and the names of the proprietors of both species of property, as fully as they can ascertain the same, which return so far as it contains a list of the names of persons damaged and benefitted, and the amount of each ones damage and benefit respectively, shall be published by the register within five days after receipt