

and the said Mary Ann, are respectively declared to be sole and unmarried, and the said Mary Ann shall henceforth take the name of Mary Ann Dorsey.

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## CHAPTER 58.

*An act to provide for condemning and opening an alley in the city of Baltimore, as a public highway.*

Passed January 29  
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WHEREAS, a number of the owners and proprietors of lots of ground, fronting on Charles and Barnet streets, have petitioned this General Assembly to pass a law authorising the condemnation and opening of an alley fifteen feet wide, from the west line of Hugh Birkhead's lot, westerly to north Sharp street, and the prayer of the petitioners appearing to be reasonable: Therefore,

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the city commissioners of the city of Baltimore, together with James Misher and James Curley, be, and they are hereby constituted a board of commissioners, and authorised and empowered to lay out, bound, condemn, and open as a public highway forever thereafter, an alley fifteen feet wide, to commence at the west line of Hugh Birkhead's lot, between E. Lexington-street and Barnet-street, and to run thence westerly along the southern boundary line of the lot owned by the heirs ——— Barnet, to north Sharp street, and in case of the death, resignation, refusal to act, or any other inability of either of the persons herein named, and appointed to act in conjunction with the city commissioners aforesaid, or of any person or persons appointed to act in the stead of them or either of them, the said board may supply such vacancy by election, and a majority of the said board of commissioners shall be competent to perform all the duties of the said board.

Commissioners—  
Location—vacancy

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said board of commissioners, or a majority of them, after giving at least ten days notice in two of the newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, of their intention to proceed to discharge the duties imposed on them by this act, shall take into consideration the advantages and disadvantages that will result to the property affected by the opening of said alley, 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 the opening of said alley, 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

Notice—valuation  
and assessment—  
returns.