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promotion of the morality, health, convenience and safety of the inhabitants of said town; and for the opening, widening, extending, repairing, improving and closing up of streets, lanes and alleys of said town; and all damage done and all benefits received by the opening, closing extending, widening or improving said streets, lanes or alleys, or for the laying of any sewers or the opening of any drains over private property, shall be determined and assessed by three disinterested persons, residents of said town, to be appointed by said commissioners, who shall within a reasonable time after the notification of their appointment, take an oath before a justice of the peace or notary public for Caroline county that they will faithfully, fairly, and without partiality or prejudice, value or assess in money the loss and damage to be suffered and incurred, as well as benefits to be received by any person interested in the property over, through and near said street, lane alley, sewer or drain to be opened, closed, extended, widened or improved, and they shall return the same in writing, under their hands and seals, with a certificate of their qualification, before a justice of the peace or notary public as aforesaid to the said commissioners, which said valuation and assessment shall be ratified or rejected by the said commissioners, as they in their judgment may deem proper; and if any person shall feel aggrieved by the determination of the said commissioners in ratifying or rejecting said award or return, or in the amount of compensation awarded, benefits assessed or in any manner relating to the same, he may appeal within sixty days after said ratification to the Circuit Appeal may be Court for Caroline county, and either party shall be entitled to a trial by jury, and the judgment of said Court shall be final among the parties to such appeal; provided, that the person taking such appeal shall, within ten days, apply to said commissioners for the same in writing, and in twenty days thereafter cause to be delivered to the clerk of the Circuit Court aforesaid a copy of said award filed with said commissioners, together with a copy of the order of the said commissioners ratifying or rejecting the same, and all other papers relating thereto, and the said corporation shall be liable for and tender any damages thus assessed and determined to the persons entitled, or if rejected, hold the same to his credit and for his use; and the said commissioners

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