

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, whenever proceedings are instituted under Article 33-A of the Code of Public General Laws by the State of Maryland or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or any department, commission, or board of said City or State, for the acquisition of any property for said State or City situate in Baltimore City, the appraisers appointed by said Court shall make their return within ten days, and, immediately upon the return of the appraisers, the petitioner may pay to the owner of such property the amount of such appraisal and give bond, with penalty to be fixed by the Court and security to be approved by the Court, to pay any additional amount which may be awarded by a jury in said case, and, thereupon, at any time after Thirty days thereafter, the petitioner may take possession of the property and proceed with the improvement for which the same is sought to be condemned; and the acceptance of said sum by the property owner shall not prejudice his contention, if he makes such contention, that he should be allowed a larger sum, but the case shall proceed and the jury shall fix the damages to be awarded for said property, as if said payment had not been made, and, in the event that a larger sum is fixed than said payment, the difference shall thereupon be paid to the property owner and the petitioners shall pay the costs, but, if the jury fix a less amount than the appraisal, the property owner shall not be obliged to return any of the amount of appraisal so received, but shall pay all costs of said proceedings, except the compensation to the appraisers. In the event that the owner, or one of the owners, of such property is a minor, insane, unknown, or otherwise incapable of receiving said payment, or in case the owner or owners of such property refuse to accept said payment, the same may be paid into Court and, upon such payment being made and security given as aforesaid, the petitioners may take possession forthwith of the property so sought to be condemned and the same proceedings shall be had as if the payment were made to the property owner. The property owner may file exceptions to the amount awarded by the appraisers and demand a Jury trial thereon at any time before the expiration of the time for taking an appeal from the assessment of benefits by the Commissioners for Opening Streets in the matter of opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing said street. And, in the event that a part only of a lot or of a lot and improvements is taken under Sections 1 and 2 hereof, and benefits are assessed by the Commissioners for Opening Streets against the owner of the remain-