

to take and receive a bond of any contractor, with a penalty to the County Commissioners, for the prompt and faithful performance of the work to be done, and of the contract entered into.

388. Whenever it shall be necessary in order to effect the object proposed, that a house or improvement of any kind, or any part thereof, should be taken, used, destroyed or removed, the examiner or examiners shall examine the matter, and if in their opinion it should be practicable to remove such house or improvement to any other part of the grounds of the owner thereof, and to put the same in as good condition and repair as it was in before such removal, the said examiner or examiners shall make an estimate of the probable cost of such removal and repairs, and if the owner should agree in writing to such removal and repairs, then the cost of such removal and repairs shall be paid out of the benefits assessed, and the payment of the cost for such removal and repairs shall be recognized and taken in lieu of, and as a full payment and discharge for any damages to such house or improvement; but if it should be deemed practicable by the examiner or examiners to remove and repair such house or improvement, or if the owner thereof should not agree in writing to such removal, then damages should be assessed and awarded for the whole of said house or improvement, and when the benefits assessed shall be credited with the damages awarded, or the damages awarded shall be credited with the benefits assessed and paid, as provided for by the succeeding Section, and the proceeding of the examiner or examiners shall be fully ratified and confirmed as provided for by this sub-title of this Article, the examiner or examiners, after giving notice in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore County, and in one newspaper of general circulation published in Baltimore City, once a week for three successive weeks, of the time and place, manner and terms of sale, shall sell the materials of any house or improvement of any kind which it shall be necessary to remove in whole or in part, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to be paid on the day when full possession is given of the materials sold; and the examiner or examiners, on receiving the price or sum so bid, shall give a receipt for the same to the purchaser thereof; and the said examiner or examiners, are duly empowered to take and receive a bond of the purchaser of such materials, with a penalty to the County Commissioners that the price for which the same was sold shall be duly paid at such time as the said examiner or examiners is or are prepared to deliver possession of the same;