

**CHAP. 206.** time to time, and may cause all such appeals to be consolidated, or hear and decide them separately, and may require the said commissioners, their clerks, surveyor, and all such other persons as they shall deem necessary, to attend, and examine them on oath or affirmation, and may permit and require all such explanations, amendments and additions to be made to, and of the said return, as the said judges shall deem requisite and proper, and the said judges in their discretion may direct the sheriff of Baltimore county, to summon twelve or more persons qualified to be jurors of their court, and may empanel any twelve disinterested jurors so summoned or attending the court, to try any question of fact, or to ascertain and decide on the amount assessed and levied as aforesaid, under the direction of the said court; and the said judges shall not reject or set aside the return of the commissioners for any defect or omission, either in form or substance, but shall amend and supply all such defects and omissions, and reduce or increase the amount of said levy or assessment, and alter, modify and correct said return in all or any of its parts, as to the said judges or a majority of them shall seem just and proper, and shall cause their proceedings and decision on the said return and appeal, certified by their clerk, under the seal of Baltimore, which shall be final and conclusive in every respect; and the said judges of Baltimore city court shall have full power in their discretion, to add the reasonable costs of any appeal, to be taxed or assessed by them, to the damages to be collected for the opening of said street, or to require such costs or any part thereof, to be paid by all or either of the appellants, as the circumstances of each appeal in their opinion shall justify.

Statute re-  
quired.

Sec. 7 *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be of any force or effect until approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

#### CHAPTER 207.

Passed Feb 24, 1870 *An act to authorise the leasing of certain property in Baltimore county.*

Authority granted *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That James Howard, of Baltimore county, guardian of his minor children, viz: Juliana E. Howard Charles R. Howard, Margaretta S. Howard, and John E. Howard, be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered, with the consent of the Orphan's Court of said county, to execute a lease for any term not exceeding ten years, to any person or persons, of all the right, title and interest of said minors, in and to certain property sit-