

assigned to them by this act, to the best of their ability, and without favor, affection, or partiality; and should any of said commissioners refuse or neglect to take such oath or affirmation, within the time aforesaid, he or they shall be considered as having resigned, and those who qualify as aforesaid, shall be, and they are hereby authorised and required, to fill up such vacancies, by the election of such person or persons, as they may deem qualified to discharge the duties assigned to them by this act, who shall, within ten days thereafter, also make the oath or affirmation aforesaid.

Vacancies

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners after having given ten days notice, in two of the daily newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, of the time and place of their meeting, shall proceed to assess the damages and expenses consequent upon the opening and increasing the width of Bottle Alley as aforesaid, adding thereto whatever expenses may be incurred under this act, upon all the property in the city aforesaid, which, in their opinion, having regard to all the circumstances, may be deemed benefitted by the widening and opening of the aforesaid alley; and the said commissioners, having completed said assessment, shall make a full and particular return thereof, under their hands and seals, to the office of the register of the city aforesaid, designating precisely the property assessed by them as benefitted aforesaid, as well as the property injured, for which the damages were assessed, and the names of the proprietors thereof, as fully as they can ascertain the same; a copy of which return, certified by said register, under the seal of said city, shall be prima facie evidence of the truth of the several matters therein stated.

Valuation and assessment

Return thereof

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the sums of money so assessed and charged to such individuals benefitted by opening and widening the said alley, shall be a lien upon all the property so benefitted to the full amount thereof.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said several sums of money so assessed and charged, shall be collected by the collector of the said city, and shall presently be paid over by him to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by them to the person or persons entitled to receive the same;—and it shall be the duty of the said collector, within ten days from the time of his receiving the list aforesaid, to give notice in one or more of the newspapers published in the said city, to the persons respectively bound to

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