

pass the legal title to the lands lying in this State, of which the said James Lawson Clayton, died, seized, or was entitled to.

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CHAPTER 226.

An act to vest certain powers in the Corporation of the City of Baltimore, in relation to Streets. Passed Mar. 23 1839.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to provide for laying out, opening, extending, widening, straightening, or closing up, in whole, or in part, any street, square, lane, or alley, within the bounds of said city, which, in their opinion, the public welfare or convenience may require; to provide for ascertaining whether any, and what amount in value, of damage will be caused thereby, and what amount of benefit will thereby accrue to the owner or possessor of any ground or improvements within, or adjacent to said city, for which such owner, or possessor, ought to be compensated, or ought to pay a compensation, and to provide for assessing and levying either generally, on the whole assessable property within said city, or specially on the property of persons benefited. the whole, or any part of the amount of damages and expenses which they shall ascertain will be incurred in locating, opening, extending, widening, straightening, or closing up the whole, or any part of any street, square, lane or alley in said city; to provide for granting appeals to Baltimore City Court, from the decisions of any commissioners, or other persons appointed in virtue of any ordinance, to ascertain the damage which will be caused, or the benefit which will accrue to the owners, or possessors, of ground or improvements by locating, opening, extending, widening, straightening, or closing up, in whole, or in part, any street, square, lane, or alley, within said city, and for securing to every such owner and possessor the right, on application within a reasonable time, to have decided, by a jury trial, whether any damage has been caused, or any benefit has accrued to them, and to what amount; to provide

Authority conferred to proceed to lay out, open, &c

For ascertaining damages and benefits

For assessing and levying amount

For granting appeals

Jury trials