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May next, summon twelve freeholders, inhabitants of the said city and precincts, not interested in the premises, who being first sworn to assess and value what damages shall be sustained by any person or persons whomsoever, by reason of the opening and extending the said street, shall proceed to assess and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons whomsoever, by reason of opening and extending the said street, and shall also declare what sum of money each individual benefited thereby shall respectively contribute and pay towards compensating the person or persons injured by opening and extending the said street, and the names of the person or persons, and the sums of money which they shall respectively be obliged to pay, shall be returned under their hands and seals to the register aforesaid of the said city, to be filed and kept in his office; and the person or persons benefited by the opening of the said street, and assessed as aforesaid, shall respectively pay the sum or sums of money so charged and assessed to him or them, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per centum from the time limited for the payment thereof.

Sums of money charged to persons benefited shall be a lien upon property.

Persons not paid for damages sustained, may institute suits in county court.

Street shall not be opened till damages are paid or secured to be paid, with legal interest.

Relative to the removal of obstructions.

AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sums of money assessed and charged to each individual benefited by extending and opening the aforesaid street, shall be a lien upon, and bind all the property so benefited thereby to the full amount thereof.

AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case the person or persons injured by opening and extending the said street shall not be paid the damages by them respectively sustained and assessed as aforesaid, within six months after the same shall be ascertained as aforesaid, he, she or they shall and may institute suits in Baltimore county court for the recovery thereof, in which it shall be sufficient to declare for money had and received; and this act and the proceedings under the same shall be evidence to support such action or actions instituted as aforesaid.

AND BE IT ENACTED, That the street aforesaid shall not be extended or opened through the property of any individual injured thereby, until the damage by them sustained and assessed as aforesaid, shall be first paid or secured to be paid to their satisfaction, together with legal interest thereon from the time of ascertaining the damages by them respectively sustained.

AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case the obstructions in the said street are not removed within twenty days after the money charged and assessed as