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There shall be a space in each dock in which no vessels shall lie to obstruct the passage under a certain penalty.

18. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for the purpose that vessels may not be obstructed in passing into or from the docks which shall be on each side of said block or wharf, there shall be a space of thirty feet wide in the middle of each of said docks, from the north thereof to the south, and out into the basin, in which no vessel shall lie, and if any boat, scow or vessel shall lie at any time in either of such spaces, contrary to the intent of this act, the master or owner, or person having charge of such vessel, boat or scow, shall forfeit two dollars for every hour such offence shall be continued, to be recovered before a single magistrate as small debts by law are recoverable, by any person who shall be injured by such obstruction, unless such vessel so obstructed, be detained by reason of the shallowness of the water.

Building said wharf and filling docks.

19. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if said wharf be built out by said commissioners, the same shall be done by contract; and the filling up of each dock shall be done by contract.

Commissioners shall have power to borrow money on the security of said lots and contributions.

20. AND BE IT ENACTED, That said commissioners shall have power to borrow money on the security of said lots, and on the contribution herein directed to be levied for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, which said lots and contribution shall stand pledged for the money so to be borrowed.

Assessors may employ surveyors, &c. and have access to the books, &c. of the commissioners of the tax.

21. AND BE IT ENACTED, That said assessors shall have power to rent a room for the transaction of business, and to employ surveyors and other persons to assist in fulfilling the object of their appointment, and to have access to the books and papers of the commissioners of the tax of the city and county of Baltimore.

Commissioners shall not proceed to fill up or extend said street until owners of property injured shall be paid for damages sustained.

22. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained shall authorise the said commissioners to fill up or commence the filling up or extension of the said street as aforesaid, until each owner of property injured by the opening and extension of said street, shall be paid by the said commissioners the full amount of the damages ascertained by the said assessors to be sustained as aforesaid, or until each of the said owners shall declare their assent in writing, that the said commissioners may proceed in the discharge of the duties of their office: *Provided*, That whenever the full amount of damage ascertained as aforesaid for any house or part of a house to be taken down shall be paid or tendered, the same shall be taken down, and whenever the full amount of damage shall