

man's-street southerly, from the city of Baltimore, and believing that their petition is just and reasonable: *Therefore,*

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Henry Stauffer, John Bankson, George Hughes, James Carey, Thomas C. Jenkins, Alexander Robinson and George Warner, be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to open and extend Forrest-street, from the head of the Basin, commencing at the termination of Light-street wharf, and running its present width in a straight line southerly until it intersects the property of Philip Dearer on the east, and Edward Hagthrop on the west side of the road leading to Cumberland Dugan's ferry on Patapsco river, and from thence its present width in a straight line continuing the road to the said ferry; and also to open and extend Goodman's-street from the said city, in a straight line southerly its present width, until it intersects a point in the west line with the north side of William Rawlings' land, and thence south about four and one half degrees east of a straight line so as to run parallel with Forrest-street, so continued until it intersects the middle branch of the said river Patapsco; and the said streets and road when so opened and extended, and the valuation and assessments hereinafter directed to be made shall have taken place, shall be deemed and taken, and are hereby declared public streets and highways forever thereafter; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby required to return a plot ascertaining the limits and extent of the said streets and road when so opened and extended, to the register of the city of Baltimore, who shall receive and file the same as a part of the plot of the city and county of Baltimore.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, after having given at least ten days notice in two of the news-papers of the city of Baltimore, shall at any time before the tenth day of March next, 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 streets and road, shall proceed to assess and value what damages may be sustained by any person or persons by reason of opening and extending said streets and road; 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

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Commissioners—streets may be opened—their respective widths and directions—plot.

Damages.