

it was by said act, and the provisions of this act; and said commissioners shall also, in manner aforesaid, determine how much each proprietor of the lots on the east side of said alley shall pay to make up said damages. And each proprietor of ground on the east side adjacent to said alley, as determined as aforesaid to be the true division, shall become the proprietor of the ground westwardly, the breadth of his or her lot as far as Argyle-alley, as laid out in pursuance of said act: *Provided*, That such proprietors respectively pay the sum which shall have been adjudged as aforesaid; and said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby empowered and directed, to make to such proprietors respectively, deeds for the ground of which they shall so become proprietors. But if any of said proprietors shall refuse to pay the sum determined on as aforesaid, then shall the ground between the lots of those refusing and said alley as laid out by said act, become the property of those holding property on the west side of said alley opposite to it, and said commissioners or a majority of them, are hereby empowered to make a deed therefor accordingly; and such acquisition of ground shall stand in lieu of money to be paid or damages.

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Proviso.

2 AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners or a majority of them, before they shall proceed to carry this act into effect, shall give two weeks notice in two of the public newspapers edited in the city of Baltimore, of the time and place of their meeting for such purposes.

Meeting.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners or a majority of them, if they should find it necessary, may adjourn from day to day, until they shall have fulfilled and discharged the several duties required to be performed by the provisions of this act; and if any of the said commissioners shall die, resign or refuse to act before the said duties have been performed, it shall be the duty of the mayor of the city of Baltimore for the time being, to fill up such vacancy or vacancies by a new appointment.

Vacancies &c.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, before they shall proceed to execute the duties of the trust hereby reposed in them, shall take an oath before some person competent to administer the same, to execute, fulfill and discharge the said duties without favor, affection or partiality.

Oath of commissioners.